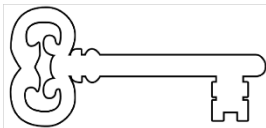


The Prophecy Club

Worksheet 1: “The Basics for Bible Study”

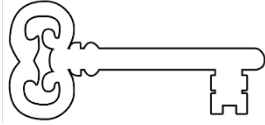
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- 1) There are four main reasons that prophecy is misunderstood and/or misapplied:
 - Expecting a literal fulfillment of the prophecy when it is figurative (or vice versa).
 - The problem of numbers – making timelines fit together by math.
 - We think the prophets write in sequential order. But they don’t.
 - Fail to use the five keys – we have 5 witnesses that have to align.
- 2) Why is Bible Prophecy difficult to interpret?
 - Luke 8:10 – the “mysteries of the Kingdom” are only for believers.
 - 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6 – those in darkness don’t know the “times” and “seasons” (appointed times and feasts of *Yahweh*).
 - Amos 3:7 – *Yahweh* reveals His secrets to His servants.
 - Genesis 18:16-21 – If we keep the Ways of *Yahweh*, He will not hide from us the things He is doing (prophetic fulfillments).
- 3) According to Luke 8:10, who should be able to correctly interpret and apply Bible Prophecy? (Luke 8:10) – the disciples (the disciplined ones who follow *Yahshua* – by choice) are able to know the “mysteries of the Kingdom”.
- 4) What are the five keys to correctly understanding/interpreting Bible prophecy?



The TORAH (Law of *Yahweh* = Genesis-Deuteronomy)

Isaiah 8:20 tells us to use this as a key: We are to test every teaching and doctrine by the *Torah*. If it is interpreted differently from the *Torah*, that teaching is of darkness. “Light” starts (radiates out from) *Torah*.

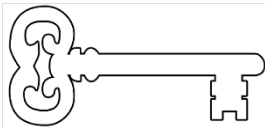


The PROPHETS (Line upon line, get all the prophets on the topic)

Until all the prophecies on a given topic fit together, we don't have the picture right.

2 Peter 1:20-21 – Prophecy is not to be privately interpreted. We cannot put our own interpretation on it. And it should not be interpreted in an isolated manner, but should be understood by comparing it with all the prophecies on that given topic.

Isaiah 28:9-10 – Precept upon precept... here a little and there a little... meaning to glean by collecting together all the prophecies throughout the Bible (cover to cover) on a given topic – and THEN form a summation of what the prophecy teaches.



The FEASTS (*Mo'edim*) of Yahweh – Leviticus 23

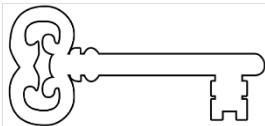
Daniel 8:19 – the world will end on an appointed time (Feast Day)

Daniel 11:27 – the world will end on a Feast Day (*mo'ed*)

Daniel 11:35 – the world will end on a Feast Day (*mo'ed*) (1 Thess. 5:1-5)

Colossians 2:16-17 – all the Sabbaths, and Feasts and New Moons are shadows (prophetic) teaching about something to come.

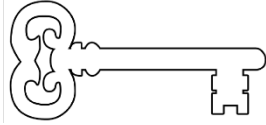
In Leviticus 23, the **Feasts** are called “holy convocations”, which is *miqra* in Hebrew, meaning **a public meeting/gathering and a rehearsal (before the performance, performers rehearse to prepare)**. **It is by keeping the Feasts that we prepare for their final fulfillment.**



The MAZZAROTH (the Heavenly Lights) – Gen. 1:14-15

Genesis 1:14 – The heavenly lights are created/given for “signs” – which is prophetic. Some signs are for the world (solar and lunar eclipses) and some signs are just noted by Yahweh's people.

Genesis 49:1 – the Scepter shall depart from the lion's paws (Judah's constellation, when Shiloh (Messiah) comes...



THE SABBATICAL/JUBILEE CYCLE

Leviticus 25:21-22 – The Sabbatical/Jubilees were years of rest. They were not for planting/harvesting. So, Yahweh blessed the land to produce enough food in the year before the Sabbatical to feed Israel for 3 years, until the next crop could come in.

Leviticus 25:8-13 – Sabbaticals and Jubilees (Civil year) begin in the fall – starting on the Day of Atonement.

Jeremiah 34:13-14 – For those who come to be in bondage, these are the times of release – ultimately the BIG release from bondage is the final Jubilee.

5) Three Layers of fulfillment in Prophecy:

Bible Prophecy typically has three layers of fulfillment:

The first layer is going to be found in the time of ancient Israel. The second layer will be in the time of Messiah and/or the Early Christian Church. The third layer is at the End of the World (End-time). To understand the final fulfillment, you need to use the first two applications of a prophecy. Key point: Sometimes the fulfillment/application of it is literal and sometimes it's figurative (either in time or event). The fulfillment is at the End of the World. In an application, all the elements of the Prophecy are not present, but many pieces will be there.

PROPHECY HAS THREE LAYERS OF FULFILLMENT - EXAMPLE #1- THE PASSOVER *(the Feasts are Rehearsals and Shadows of Prophecy)*

Layer 1: Passover – The Exodus Passover - Exodus 12:6-12 - The blood of the Passover Lamb is protecting/vehicle for deliverance (without it there is no deliverance). Those covered under the Passover blood are saved from the plagues.

Layer 2: Passover – Messiah's Death Was on Passover - 1 Corinthians 5:7 – Yahshua is the ultimate Passover Lamb, Who was sacrificed for us.

Layer 3: Passover – The Final Passover Meal is in the Kingdom - Luke 22:15 – Yahshua said that He would not eat the Passover meal again with His people until

it was fulfilled in the Kingdom (End-time). This is ultimately taking place at the Marriage Supper of the Lamb.

PROPHECY HAS THREE LAYERS OF FULFILLMENT - EXAMPLE #2- THE ELIJAH MESSAGE

Layer 1: Elijah Message – Elijah Himself – Literal Fulfillment - 1 Kings 18:21

Elijah's work is to call the people to repentance – “How long halt ye between two opinions?” – The Call is to put a difference between the sacred and profane. And to come out of paganized worship into whole-hearted worship of Yahweh. Elijah is the forerunner who prepares the way for one who is greater than he. Elisha had a double portion of the Spirit of Yahweh. Elisha was the type of Messiah (figurative). The enemies of Elijah are always the same: Ahab (represents the king or political leadership), Jezebel (the queen who mixes the sacred with the profane – unholy woman in leadership – daughter of the king of Tyre who brought Baal worship into Israel and mixed it into the worship of Yahweh. The prophets and priests of Baal do the bidding of the false queen and “dance to her tune”. Jezebel sought to slay Elijah, but he was delivered.

Layer 2: Elijah Message – John the Baptist – Figurative Fulfillment- Matthew 17:11-13 John the Baptist did the work of giving the Elijah Message, preparing the Way for the arrival of Messiah, Who was greater than he. The enemies in this round were: Herod (who was the king or political leadership), the unholy woman, Herodias (same as the past Jezebel). Salome is the daughter who does the dance and bidding of the queen. Once again the Elijah figure faced the death penalty/threat... and this time he was martyred.

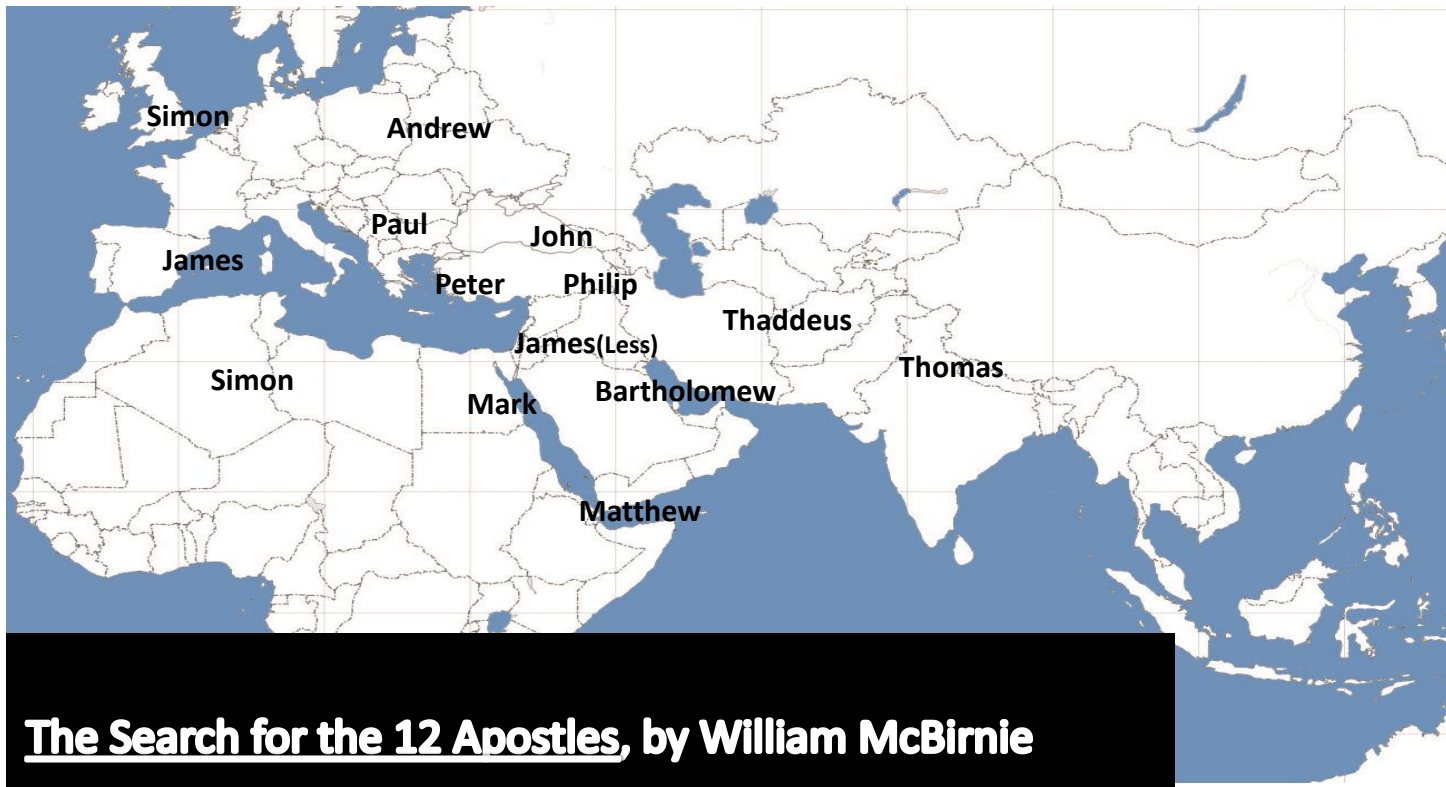
Layer 3: Elijah Message – The Final Elijah should be both Literal AND Figurative Malachi 4:4-6 – Malachi 4 tells us of both... it says, behold I will send YOU Elijah... and it also says behold I will send you ELIJAH. In the first meaning, all of Yahweh's people are called to give the Elijah Message (we all figuratively Elijah). In the second meaning, Elijah is a person, who according to Revelation 11 is likely one of the two witnesses. The enemies in this final manifestation of this prophecy are the political power of world (king), who is controlled by the idolatrous woman (who mixes the sacred with the profane and paganizes worship). The Jezebelish

woman is Papal Rome. And the dancers who do the queen's bidding are all the paganized "Christian" religions – daughters of the whore.

PROPHECY HAS THREE LAYERS OF FULFILLMENT - EXAMPLE #3- THE 1260 DAY TIMELINE

Layer 1: 1260 Day Timeline – The time of No Rain/Hunting for Elijah was 1260 days – Literal Application - 1 Kings 17:1; Luke 4:25 - Elijah is sought, but not found. He is viewed as "the troubler of Israel". It was a time of no rain, which has a figurative meaning for the future, being a time of Spiritual Drought. So this literal application of the 1260 days has many prophetic shadows which help us understand its future application.

The Waldenses (Vaudois) are in fact descended from those refugees from Italy, who, after Paul had there preached the Gospel, abandoned their beautiful country and fled like the woman mentioned in the Apocalypse, to these wild mountains, where they have to this day handed down the Gospel from father to son in the same purity and simplicity as it was preached by Paul.



Layer 2: 1260 Day Timeline – This timeline is in figurative time (1260 years) – a time of persecution, a time of figuratively no rain (Dark Ages) Daniel 7:25

The Real Story of the 1260 Years...

The legally recognized supremacy of the Pope began in 538 AD, when Emperor Justinian elevated the Bishop of Rome to the position of Head of all Churches. This is known as the Edict of Justinian.

The papal persecution grew into a historical time known as the “Inquisition”. The Inquisition had its start in 12th-century France, with the aim of combating religious deviation (eg apostasy or heresy), particularly among the Cathars and the Waldensians.

One of the primary sources of evidence of Waldensian Sabbath-keeping during the first half of the thirteenth century comes from a collection of five books written against the Cathars and Waldensians about 1241-1244 by Dominican inquisitor Father Moneta of Cremona in northern Italy.

Moneta passionately defended himself against criticism from Waldensians and Cathars that Catholics were transgressors of the Sabbath commandment. In the chapter *De Sabbato, et De Die Dominico* he discussed the significance of the seventh-day Sabbath of Exodus 20:8, “Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy,” and contrasted it with the value of the Lord’s day, his term for the first day of the week.⁵

Anti-Sabbath Arguments Against Waldensians

Moneta claimed that the Sabbath was for the Jews, pointing out that it was a memorial of Creation and of their liberation from Egypt. The Jewish Sabbath, he said, was “a sign and figure of the spiritual Sabbath of the Christian people. . . . It must be understood, however, that as the Jews observed the Sabbath, so also, we observe the Lord’s day.” He added, “this day we observe as an ordinance of the Church, and it is in reverence to Christ who was born on that day, who rose on that day, who sent the Holy Spirit on that day.”

Moneta and Tommaso Agostino Ricchini, ***Venerabilis Patris Monetæ Cremonensis ordinis prædicatorum S. P. Dominico Æqualis adversus Catharos et Valdenses libri quinque: Quos ex manuscriptis codd. Vaticano, Bononiensi, ac Neapolitano*** (Rome: 1743; reprinted, Ridgewood, N.J.: 1964), pp. 475-477.

Sabbath-keeping among Waldensians was most widespread in Bohemia and Moravia, places to which they fled during papal persecution. A fifteenth-century manuscript, published by church historian Johann Döllinger in *History of the Sects*, reports that Waldensians in Bohemia “do not celebrate the feasts of the blessed virgin Mary and the Apostles, except the Lord’s day. Not a few celebrate the Sabbath with the Jews.”

Johann Döllinger, ***Beiträge zur Sektengeschichte des Mittelalters*** (Munich: Beck, 1890), Vol. II, p. 662.

The practice of (keeping the Sabbaths) was continued by Christians who were jealous for the honor of the Mosaic Law... throughout Europe (Appendix to Gurney’s ***History of the Sabbath***, p 115-116).

These European Sabbath keepers were called "accursed from Christ." in the Council of Laodicea, held in C.E. 364, the following proclamation about Sabbath-keepers was made:

Because Christians ought not to Judaize, and to rest in the Sabbath, but to work in that day... Preferring in honor Yahweh’s day (Sunday), if they desired to rest, they should do this as Christians (on Sunday). Wherefore if they shall be found to Judaize (keep Sabbaths), let them be accursed from Christ (History of the Sabbath, p 270).

Also Professor Moffet says: "It seems to have been customary in the Celtic churches of early times, in Ireland as well as Scotland, to keep Saturday, the Jewish Sabbath, as a day of rest from labor. They obeyed the fourth commandment literally upon the seventh day." (*The Church in Scotland*, p. 140)

“The Scots had received their Christianity from the East, and along with it the ‘time’ of Easter (Passover) celebration. They were Quartodecimans (14th day – because Passover is on the 14th day of the first month). Their

practices corresponded with the Paschal (Passover) table of Anatolius Bishop of Laodicea in Syria.” (Bellesheim’s *History of the Catholic Church of Scotland*, vol 1, p 135)

“The Reformers held that the Waldensian Church was formed about 120 AD, from which date on, they passed down from father to son the teachings they received from the apostles.” (*Our Authorized Bible Vindicated*, pg 33)

The Waldenseian Hymns show that they were Sabbath and Feast keepers:

“All pageantry not from the Bible Word
Most certainly arrives from Italy!
Of this truth we bear witness, hearts bestirred
As far as Rome itself, the Pope’s city.
Just ask the Pope! He shall himself confess
His celebrations do not come from God,
The Jewish statutes God alone will bless
Where Popes unholy refuse to trod.
He may claim that the Bible is divine,
But his grand liturgies are not found there.
He does not say they are not Rome’s design,
Invented for the god-man’s idol prayer.
However held, Passover in God’s Word
As we can clearly read what God commands
Pope Victor changed, the Jewish rites interred,
Wrote innovations with unholy hands...
Instead of Sabbath, they Sunday hold,
The Passover into Easter transform;
Whitsuntide they boldly make the celebration of the
Fiftieth day (Pentecost)...”

(Bosnia Cathars 1588-1623 Samuel Kohn: *Die Sabbatharier in Siebenburgen Ihr Geschichte, Literalur, und Dogmatik, Budapest, Verlag von Singer & Wolfer*, 1894; Lipzig, Verlag von Franz Wager, p 80.)

A papal bull to eradicate “heretics” (whom the bull lists as judaizers and others who reject the papal authority).

- Torture would be used to obtain confessions
- Capital punishment for the “guilty”
- Those who failed to denounce heretics were also heretics.
- Everything owned by a heretic would be given to his denouncer. (***The History of the Inquisition in the Middle Ages***, Vol 1, p220)

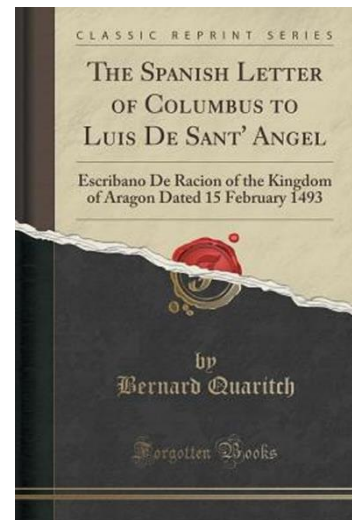
Rome was doing everything possible to cause the Waldenses to relinquish their loyal stand upon the Word of God by "...taking away their children, and bringing them up in the Roman religion, or in hindering them from disposing of their goods, or in imprisoning some, and massacring others, as they did in the year 1655" (***History of the Ancient Christians***, p 538).

“Salvador de Madariaga, the well-known Spanish polygraphist, states that Columbus was a converted Jew (a Messiah-believing, Torah-keeping individual)” (***Vida del muy Manifico Senor don Cristobal Colon***, Buenos Aires, 1958 p XXIII)

Columbus’ expedition was equipped for the voyage by an interest free loan of 17,000 ducats, provided by the known Jews, Luis Santangel.

Prior to the expedition, Columbus had met repeatedly with Abraham Senior and Isaac Abravenel, two men who were Jews and members of the richest and most influential families in Sevilla.

“Columbus ordered the entire crew to be on board (his famous exploratory fleet) before 11 p.m. on the night of August 2, 1492... An hour later, the Spanish police... and the familiars of the Inquisition would be invading the homes of the Jews as midnight on this date was the deadline for the edict of banishment (of Judaizers) to be put into effect.”



The edict banishing the Jews was published on March, 1492 and enforced in August of 1492... 800,000 “marranos” (a derogatory name – pigs – for Christian Jews) Judaizers suffered the loss of their properties – and many lost their lives.”

After Columbus discovered America, his first letters informing of this fact were sent to these two Jewish men.

American History is further rooted in Torah-keeping:

“Two of the many names Waldenses were known by are "Cathari" and "Puritans" (*History of the Ancient Christians*, p 45)

“When the Puritans first began to settle in what was then known as New England, their motivation for moving from Europe to America was that they might establish: *"A country without a king and a church without a pope!"*

“Thus, the Puritans, who settled at Salem and Boston Massachusetts in 1630, were a renamed faction of the original Waldenses who had been keeping the Sabbaths and the whole Law from the time of the apostles.” (*History of the Ancient Christians* p. 23 and 45)

Adding 1260 years to 538 AD brings us to 1798, which is the year the Pope was deposed when the French General Berthier, under Napoleon, took him into captivity.

Layer 3: 1260 Day Timeline – The final time of trouble (without historical precedent) Daniel 12:1 & 7

The final time of trouble will be one that is “such as never was” and will last 1260 days (3 and half years). The prior to fulfillments give us greater understanding of this prophetic time...

As we have seen in this foundational study, there are two basic principles that we must remember and apply as we study End-Time Bible Prophecy:

- 1) **We must use the FIVE KEYS:** the *Torah*, the Prophets, the Feasts, the *Mazzaroth*, and the Sabbaticals/Jubilees.
- 2) **There are three layers of Fulfillment:** one in the time of ancient Israel, one in the time of Messiah/Early Christians and the final at the End of the World. Some fulfillments will be literal, some figurative... In the End it is usually BOTH.