

# PORTRAIT OF THE KING

## “The Signs of the Return of the King” (Part 1) (Matthew 24:1-12)

### INTRODUCTION

- The Structure of the Gospel of Matthew
  - I. Matthew 1-4 The \_\_\_\_\_ of the King
  - II. Matthew 5-9 The \_\_\_\_\_ of the King
  - III. Matthew 10-12 The \_\_\_\_\_ for the King
  - IV. Matthew 13-17 The \_\_\_\_\_ of the King
  - V. Matthew 18-23 The \_\_\_\_\_ of the King
  - VI. Matthew 24-28 The \_\_\_\_\_ of the King
- “Prophecy”
- John 1:9-11

### EXPOSITION

- I. A Few Preliminaries
  - 1. Prophecy is meant to be \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 2. God has \_\_\_\_\_ us tools to understand prophecy (John 16:7-14).
  - 3. Know the difference between \_\_\_\_\_ doctrines and \_\_\_\_\_ doctrines (John 17:20-21).
  - 4. Keep the \_\_\_\_\_ thing the \_\_\_\_\_ thing.

5. Remember what our \_\_\_\_\_ to any kind of study of last things should be (I Thessalonians 5:11-22).
6. It is a \_\_\_\_\_ to study prophecy (Revelation 1:3).

## II. Six Principles for Interpreting Prophecy Rightly

1. Begin with \_\_\_\_\_ interpretation.
2. Interpret Scripture with \_\_\_\_\_ (II Peter 1:20).
3. Interpret in light of \_\_\_\_\_ (Daniel 9:24-27; Zechariah 9:9-10).
4. Use Scripture to interpret \_\_\_\_\_ language.
5. Beware of “\_\_\_\_\_.”
6. Let the \_\_\_\_\_ speak for itself.

- I Peter 3:15; Titus 2:13

## CONCLUSION

### TAKE IT A STEP FURTHER

- 1) What are your biggest questions about the end times? How much study have you attempted to do in order to better understand them?
- 2) Of the six blessings for studying prophecy, which is the most important for you?
- 3) Book Recommendation: *Understanding End Times Prophecy* by Paul Benware