

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