

## *A TIME OF REFLECTION*

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What happens when things go sideways? Or when your perception is off and you don't know what you're seeing. Or when you're seeing correctly, but what you're seeing doesn't make sense. In the Bible, that's prophecy. In the ancient world, many believed in prophecy because on the one hand, it makes sense. Of course, on the other hand, it blurs reality, or it makes no sense at all.

That's definitely the case with the Revelation of Jesus Christ, written by John, the last surviving Apostle, in about 90 AD. And when John says he was caught away in the Spirit on the Lord's Day (or the Day of the Lord), there go all the excuses. Either what he writes is exactly what he saw, or he was wiggling out on some Patmos Island weed. Some academics dismiss it as the senile raving of a man losing his mind. But...

When a contemporary believer tells you God made something happen, and you begin wondering if it wasn't just blind luck, you know what the first century believers thought when they read John's text. Or when you believe whoever's talking because maybe it's true, and, hey, you believe in God, too, right? And you believe in miracles because you've seen what you cannot explain. Or because you're a person of faith, and what does faith mean except believing in the impossible?

So, you see, prophecy may not be easily unwrapped or understood, but it's just as real today as it was when it was written. And like worship or practical teaching or encouragement, prophecy matters. Are we intrigued? 2 Peter 1:18-21 [Amplified Bible]:

*We [actually] heard this voice borne out of heaven, for we were together with Him on the holy mountain. And we have the prophetic word [made] firmer still. You will do well to pay close attention to it as to a lamp shining in a dismal (squalid and dark) place, until the day breaks through [the gloom] and the Morning Star rises (comes into being) in your hearts. [Yet] first [you must] understand this, that no prophecy of Scripture is [a matter] of any personal or private or special interpretation (loosening, solving). For no prophecy ever originated because some man willed it [to do so—it never came by human impulse], but men spoke from God who were borne along (moved and impelled) by the Holy Spirit.*

# Welcome

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*"The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I have come so they can have life. I want them to have it in the fullest possible way."*

### **SERVICES**

Sunday Morning Worship: 10:30 AM  
Unity in Prayer & Youth: 6:00 – 7:00 PM  
Wednesday – Bible Study: 7:00 PM; Kid's Club  
Prayer ½ hour before services

## THEOLOGICAL SEED

2 Samuel 24:17-25 (New Living Translation)

When David saw the angel, he said to the LORD, “**I am the one who has sinned and done wrong! But these people are as innocent as sheep—what have they done? Let your anger fall against me and my family.**” That day Gad came to David and said to him, “**Go up and build an altar to the LORD on the threshing floor of Araunah the Jebusite.**” So, David went up to do what the LORD had commanded him. When Araunah saw the king and his men coming toward him, he came and bowed before the king with his face to the ground. “**Why have you come, my lord the king?**” Araunah asked. David replied, “**I have come to buy your threshing floor and to build an altar to the LORD there, so that he will stop the plague.**” “**Take it, my lord the king, and use it as you wish,**” Araunah said to David. “**Here are oxen for the burnt offering, and you can use the threshing boards and ox yokes for wood to build a fire on the altar. I will give it all to you, Your Majesty, and may the LORD your God accept your sacrifice.**” But the king replied to Araunah, “**No, I insist on buying it, for I will not present burnt offerings to the LORD my God that have cost me nothing.**” So, David paid him fifty pieces of silver for the threshing floor and the oxen. David built an altar there to the LORD and sacrificed burnt offerings and peace offerings. And the LORD answered his prayer for the land, and the plague on Israel was stopped.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



**Wednesday Bible Study** – we will continue our study of John 17. Our children will enjoy Kid’s Club in the basement.

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## SERMON NOTES

### HANDFULS ON PURPOSE

**TEXT:** Ruth 2:15-16 (Amplified Bible)

Bethlehem means “\_\_\_\_\_ **of bread**” and Judah means “\_\_\_\_\_”.  
Moab is a type of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ in the Old Testament.

#### A. THREE \_\_\_\_\_

1. **Elimelech didn’t have any \_\_\_\_\_.**
2. **Elimelech didn’t have any \_\_\_\_\_.**
3. **Elimelech didn’t have any \_\_\_\_\_.**

#### B. THREE \_\_\_\_\_

1. \_\_\_\_\_ – Ruth 1:1, 3 (English Standard Version)

Sojourn means to stay for a time in a place; live \_\_\_\_\_.

Mahlon means \_\_\_\_\_ and Chilion means \_\_\_\_\_.

Orpah means \_\_\_\_\_. Ruth means \_\_\_\_\_. Ruth 1:6, 8-9, 11-13, 16-17

It doesn’t \_\_\_\_\_ what it cost, what it takes, I am not \_\_\_\_\_ the House of Bread, I am in it for the long haul, come hell or high water.

2. \_\_\_\_\_ Ruth 1:19-20; 2:3

There are never, never any \_\_\_\_\_ with God! Psalm 37:23;

Ruth 2:14, 5-6, 11-12, 15-16

She is \_\_\_\_\_, we are going to take special \_\_\_\_\_ of her.

God left it on \_\_\_\_\_!

God has never \_\_\_\_\_ to give me the \_\_\_\_\_ of what I need!

3. \_\_\_\_\_ Matthew 1:5-6

a. **Security that \_\_\_\_\_ the future.**

Deuteronomy 23:3

b. **Security that is \_\_\_\_\_.** Numbers 27:8-

11; Deuteronomy 25:5-9; Leviticus 25:25

c. **Security that is \_\_\_\_\_.**