

Second Peter 1:19-21

There is no higher authority than Jesus.
He comes with the backing of Moses
(the Law), Elijah (the Prophets),
and of God the Father.

2 Peter 1:19-21

Omniscience

God's perfect knowledge of all things
past, present, and future.

Psalm 139:1-6

Psalm 139:16

Since God has a perfect knowledge of everything, He often validated His prophets by giving them precise information about future events.

Prophet

A person chosen by God to speak for God.

Jeremiah 1:4-7

Ezekiel 1:1-3

Deuteronomy 18:20-22

A false prophecy was an extremely serious offense because:

The false prophet was impersonating God.

A false prophecy could lead people to believe that God was unable to make a prophecy come true.

False prophets could teach lies about God.

Jesus' fulfillment of prophecy is confirmation that God is in control and that Jesus is the Messiah.

2 Corinthians 4:6

For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Revelation 22:12-16

The knowledge of God that shines upon us at conversion will grow but it will not reach its fullest consummation until we are in the full presence of the "bright morning star."

Like a light shining in the darkness, God's prophetic word shines forth to expose as false the lies of the false teachers and to illuminate sound doctrine.

The light of the prophecies has two major benefits:

By paying attention to Jesus' fulfillment of past prophecies, we are better grounded in our faith.

By reminding ourselves of Jesus' prophecy that He will return, we are more focused on living for the Glory of God.

Warning:

Extreme concern about the details of the end can become dangerous and wasteful.

2 Peter 3:1-7

2 Peter 3:10

How should you live knowing that the world will be consumed in fire?

Romans 2:5

2 Thessalonians 1:5-10

What God says will happen,
will happen.

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