Lesson Fifteen

PROPHECIES MADE BY CHRIST HIMSELF (3)

INTRODUCTION: In the last two lessons we saw that Christ’s predictions of the past and present events have been exactly fulfilled. We are thereby assured that the same will be true.

HIS PROPHECIES THAT ARE YET TO BE FULFILLED.

1. HE PEDICTED THE EVENTS TO PRECEDE HIS RETURN TO EARTH, His Second Coming.
   1. THE RAPTURE OF THE CHURCH.

John 14:3 “I will come again and receive you unto Myself.” He encouraged His disciples to EXPECT His coming. (John 21:21-23).

* 1. THE APOSTASY OF CHRISTENDOM.

Matt. 24:11-12 “false prophets … love … wax cold.”

Luke 18:8 “shall He find faith on earth?”

* 1. THE INCREASE OF WICKEDNESS.

Matt. 24:12 “iniquity shall abound.” Matt. 24:37-39

* 1. THE AWAKENING OF ISRAEL.

Matt. 24:31-33 “fig tree… (Israel) putteth forth leaves.”

* 1. THE APPEARANCE OF ANTICHRIST.

John 5:43 “another shall come in his own name.”

Matt. 24:15 “abomination … in … holy place.” See II Thess. 2:3-4

* 1. THE GREAT TRIBULATION.

Matt. 24:21 “then shall be great tribulation.”

Mark 13:19-20 “affliction” Luke 21:25 “distress.”

1. HE PREDICTED THE MANNER OF HIS RETURN TO EARTH.

Matt. 24:29 “immediately after the tribulation…”

Matt. 24:30 “they shall see… coming” – visibly.

Matt. 16:27 “shall come in the Glory of His father.”

Mark 14:62 “Son … coming in the clouds of heaven.”

Luke 21:27 “coming … with POWER and great glory.”

Matt. 16:27 “shall come … with His angels.”

Matt. 24:44 “in such an hour as ye think not” –suddenly.

1. HE PREDICTED THE RESULTS OF HIS RETURN TO EARTH.
   1. THE RESTORATION OF ISRAEL.

Matt. 24:31 “they shall gather together His elect.”

* 1. HIS PERSONAL REIGN ON EARTH.

Matt. 19:28 “Son of man shall sit on the throne…”

Matt. 25:31, 34 “Son of man …King … the kingdom.”

John 1:51 Christ will link together heaven and earth.

* 1. THE RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD.

John 6:40 “everyone which … believeth … raise up.”

This to occur at the Rapture. I Thess. 4:16-17.

John 5:28-29 “which all that are in the graves … come forth.”

All will rise, but not all at one time. Rev. 20:5, 12. At His Return

* 1. THE FUTURE JUDGMENTS.

He warned of coming judgments. Matt. 10:15; 12:36; said that He Himself would be Judge, John 5:22, 27, 30; judging the service of His own, Matt. 16:27; 19:27-29; 25:19; the nations, Matt. 25:31-34, 41, 46; and the wicked, Matt. 13:41-42.