

UNCERTAIN TIMES

THE WAY OF PROPHECY

DANIEL 9:22-23 NLT He explained to me, “Daniel, I have come here to give you insight and understanding. ⁽²³⁾ The moment you began praying, a command was given. And now I am here to tell you what it was, for you are very precious to God. Listen carefully so that you can understand the meaning of your vision.”

ROMANS 9:25-26 NLT Concerning the Gentiles, God says in the prophecy of Hosea, “Those who were not my people, I will now call my people. And I will love those whom I did not love before.” ⁽²⁶⁾ And, “Then, at the place where they were told, ‘You are not my people,’ there they will be called ‘children of the living God.’”

REVELATION 19:10 NLT Then I fell down at his feet to worship him, but he said, “No, don’t worship me. I am a servant of God, just like you and your brothers and sisters who testify about their faith in Jesus. Worship only God. For the essence of prophecy is to give a clear witness for Jesus.”

THE WAY OF EXILE

JEREMIAH 29:4-7 NLT This is what the LORD of Heaven’s Armies, the God of Israel, says to all the captives he has exiled to Babylon from Jerusalem: ⁽⁵⁾ “Build homes, and plan to stay. Plant gardens, and eat the food they produce. ⁽⁶⁾ Marry and have children. Then find spouses for them so that you may have many grandchildren. Multiply! Do not dwindle away! ⁽⁷⁾ And work for the peace and prosperity of the city where I sent you into exile. Pray to the LORD for it, for its welfare will determine your welfare.”

JEREMIAH 29:11-14 NLT “For I know the plans I have for you,” says the LORD. “They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope. ⁽¹²⁾ In those days when you pray, I will listen. ⁽¹³⁾ If you look for me wholeheartedly, you will find me. ⁽¹⁴⁾ I will be found by you,” says the LORD. “I will end your captivity and restore your fortunes. I will gather you out of the nations where I sent you and will bring you home again to your own land.”

1 PETER 3:15 NLT Instead, you must worship Christ as Lord of your life. And if someone asks about your hope as a believer, always be ready to explain it.

THE WAY HOME

DANIEL 12:10 NLT Many will be purified, cleansed, and refined by these trials. But the wicked will continue in their wickedness, and none of them will understand. Only those who are wise will know what it means.

HEBREWS 13:14-16 NLT For this world is not our permanent home; we are looking forward to a home yet to come. ⁽¹⁵⁾ Therefore, let us offer through Jesus a continual sacrifice of praise to God, proclaiming our allegiance to his name. ⁽¹⁶⁾ And don’t forget to do good and to share with those in need. These are the sacrifices that please God.

1 PETER 3:18 NLT Christ suffered for our sins once for all time. He never sinned, but he died for sinners to bring you safely home to God. He suffered physical death, but he was raised to life in the Spirit.

THINK & DISCUSS:

1. How should the end times prophecy motivate your life?
2. How could you use your knowledge to spread the Gospel?
3. What kind of impact is there in knowing this is not our home?

MAKE A STAND: USE YOUR CIRCUMSTANCES TO SHARE CHRIST!