Predictive Prophecy

Lesson #13
August 28, 2016
Goals for the Summer

- Increase independence in Bible Study
- Learn to exercise discernment
Outline

I. 5 step method (1-6)
   1. Preparation
   2. Observation
   3. Interpretation
   4. Evaluation
   5. Application

II. Genres of Scripture (7-13)
Hermeneutics

A set of rules used to interpret the Bible

- Literal
  - Every word has the same meaning it would have in normal usage
  - There are metaphors, figures of speech etc....
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- Grammatical
  - The meaning of the text is in the grammar of the text
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Historical

- Time
- Culture
- Geography
- Language (Hebrew/Aramaic, Greek)
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- Literary
  - Different genres have unique characteristics.
Reasons to Study Prophecy

- Comforts – 1 Thessalonians 4:18
- Cleanses – 1 John 3:2-3
- Blessing – Revelation 1:3
Biblical Prophecy is...

- Certain
- Exact
Common Objections

- Many prophecies were written after the events they predict
- Jesus manipulated circumstances to fulfill a prophecy
- Jesus did not fulfill all the Messianic prophecies
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What about...?

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Interpreting Revelation

- Interpret something literally unless the context demands otherwise
- Notice words like “like” and “as”
- Be aware of when an interpretation is given
- Use common sense
Temple Size Comparisons

EZEKIEL'S TEMPLE
- Northern Gateway
- Outer Court
- Temple
- Altar
- Eastern Gateway
- Southern Gateway
- Building at the Western End

HEROD'S TEMPLE
- Holy Place
- Women's Courtyard

SOLOMON'S TEMPLE
- Temple
- Altar

COURT OF THE TABERNACLE
- Temple
- Altar
- Laver

AMERICAN FOOTBALL FIELD
- 100 x 50 yards | 300 x 150 ft

Dimensions:
- Ezekiel's Temple: 500 x 500 cubits | 750 x 750 ft
- Herod's Temple: 100 x 50 cubits | 150 x 75 ft
- Solomon's Temple: 100 x 50 cubits | 150 x 75 ft
- American Football Field: 100 x 50 yards | 300 x 150 ft
Ezekiel’s Temple

The prophet Ezekiel was shown a vision of the Third Temple in 572 BC, just years after the First Temple was destroyed and before the Second Temple was built. Though the destruction of the Second Temple occurred in 70 AD, a third temple has not yet been constructed.

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Option #1

- Ezekiel describes a literal temple
- There will be no literal temple in the future...
  - John 1:14
  - 1 Corinthians 3:16-17
  - 2 Corinthians 6:16

Jesus and the Church fulfill the prophecy of Ezekiel’s temple

Option #2

- Ezekiel describes a literal temple
- There will be a literal temple in the future...
  - The starting point for understanding Ezekiel’s temple is in the OT
  - Progressive revelation can reveal new information about a theme, but it does not cancel/change the authorial intention of the OT
  - Christ is the fulfillment of the OT. Yet, Christ may not be the details of all OT prophecies
Main Principles for Interpreting the Bible

- Interpret based on authorial intention
- Interpret Scripture with Scripture
- Interpret literally