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“Let us be alert to the season in which we are living. It is the season of the Blessed Hope, calling for us to cut our ties with the world and build ourselves on this One who will soon appear. He is our hope—a Blessed Hope enabling us to rise above our times and fix our gaze upon Him.” Tozer



## If The Bible Had No Prophecy... There Would Be No End In Sight

Steve Miller

Imagine the Bible with no prophecies in it. Suppose God had decided not to tell us anything about the Second Coming, ultimate victory over evil, and our future home in heaven and eternity. If God had left prophecies out of His Word, we would have no idea of what the future holds. Instead, all we would know is that the world we live in is descending deeper and deeper into darkness, evil, and hopelessness.

With no knowledge of what is to come, life would be bleak. We would have nothing to look forward to. We would go from day to day filled with dread and uncertainty.

But because God chose to provide us with glimpses of the glorious future that awaits us, we can live with hope. That is the major reason God filled the Bible with so many prophecies about what is to come: to give us hope.

What we know about the future helps to influence our thoughts and actions in the present. Because we know the ultimate outcome of the battle now being waged on earth, we can live with anticipation rather than angst. Bible prophecy helps us to have an eternal focus—it reminds us that no matter how bad things get, good and righteousness will prevail. Victory is certain.

That is why, in 1 Thessalonians 4, Paul wrote at length about the promised Rapture that will deliver us from this world and take us to heaven. He concluded with the exhortation that we *“encourage one another with these words”* (1 Thess. 4:18). The more we remind each other of God’s prophetic promises, the more we give one another hope.

### ***An Eternal Focus***

Because we live in a fallen world, life is filled with struggles. Romans 5:12 says that *“just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned.”* No one can avoid sin and its devastating consequences. Even *“creation [is] subject to futility”—all of nature is in “bondage to corruption.”* It groans in anticipation of the day when we are freed from our decaying mortal bodies and given new, immortal bodies (Romans 8:19-23).

Sin is the reason that life is filled with pain and trials. And after we receive salvation in Christ, we enter a new kind of battle. Because we have turned away from sin to walk in the light, we are now at odds with the darkness around us. Jesus warned the disciples—and us, by extension—that *“in the world you will have tribulation”* (John 16:33).

But notice Jesus’ very next words: *“Take courage; I have overcome the world.”* In our times of suffering, we can find hope in the Lord’s promises of future redemption and victory. Even when life becomes so unbearable we don’t know how we can possibly go on, we are reminded that *“the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us.”*

God’s promises about the future are meant to help us look beyond the present and develop an eternal focus. As we learn what it means to live with our minds and hearts set on eternity, we are more able to persevere through the difficulties we face now. Every prophecy about the future is designed to keep us looking up and ahead at the glory that awaits us.

### ***Motivating Us to Purity***

One of the most amazing truths in Scripture is that someday, we will be fully transformed into the likeness of Christ.

Because we dwell in imperfect bodies in a fallen world, we are not able to fully grasp what we will become. As the apostle Paul wrote, *“for now we see in a mirror dimly”* (1 Corinthians 13:12). There is coming a day when we will see clearly—when *“the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality”* (1 Corinthians 15:54). At long last, we will be conformed to the image of God’s Son (Romans 8:29).

We eagerly look forward to that day, don't we? We tire of succumbing to temptation and stumbling into sin. We become increasingly frustrated as we fight the same spiritual battles over and over. With Paul, we say, *"I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out...I do not do the good I want"* (Romans 7:18-19).

When we struggle with sin, the prophetic promise that we will someday have glorified bodies and be like Christ is uplifting. This hope not only keeps us going, it also motivates us to personal purity. As 1 John 3:3 says, *"Everyone who thus hopes in Him purifies himself as He is pure."*

As we fix our hope on the promise that we will be transformed to Christlikeness in the future, the result is that we will want to be more like Him in the present. In this way, Bible prophecy has a powerful and sanctifying effect on our lives.

### ***Spurring Us to Share the Gospel***

Time is running out. Each day that we draw nearer to Christ's Second Coming, we draw closer to when it will be too late for unbelievers to receive Jesus as their Savior. When the King of kings and Lord of lords descends from heaven to reclaim the earth, He will wield *"a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations"* (Revelation 19:15). On that day, every unbeliever on earth will have their eternal fate sealed.

Now, it is true that after Christ raptures all believers to heaven, the seven-year Tribulation will offer more time for unbelievers to come to salvation. We might think, If my loved one or friend doesn't become a Christian before the Rapture, they will still have opportunities during the Tribulation.

But consider the dismal survival rates of those who end up being on the earth during the Tribulation. In Revelation 6:7-8, we are told that one-fourth of the world's population will die during the fourth Seal Judgment. Then in Revelation 9:15-18, we read about four angels who will *"kill a third of mankind."* Between those two events, half the people on the earth will die. Also, many people will be so hardhearted that even when they recognize God as the source of the Tribulation judgments, they will call for the rocks and the mountains to fall upon them rather than turn from their sin (Revelation 6:15-17).

When it comes to sharing the Gospel, sooner is better than later. The fact that we don't know the time of Christ's coming should fill us with a sense of urgency. God's desire is that Bible prophecy will spur us to proclaim the message of salvation before it's too late.

## ***Resting in God's Sovereignty***

Only God is able to declare “*the end from the beginning.*” And not only does He know the future, He plans it. He dares to say, “*I will accomplish all my purpose...I will bring it to pass; I have purposed, and I will do it*” (Isaiah 46:10-11).

Those aren't just empty words. Up to this point in time, every one of God's declarations about the future—in the form of Bible prophecies—has come to pass with precision. This helps us to realize that prophecies are not merely guesses or predictions; rather, they reveal exactly what God will do. Prophecy is history written in advance.

The abundance of fulfilled prophecies serves as powerful confirmation that God truly is God. His sovereignty is total; nothing can alter what He says will happen. He who created and sustains the universe guides the course of human history and our individual lives. As chaos swirls seemingly out of control here on earth, all is calm in God's throne room. As surely as Jesus silenced the storm and the waves, God has all world events in His hands.

Because every single prophecy about Christ's First Coming was fulfilled literally with 100 percent accuracy, we can be at peace—confident that the same will be true with every single prophecy about Christ's Second Coming. There is coming a day when every wrong in this world will be righted—for all eternity. Nothing can keep that from happening, because God is God. Because His sovereignty is total, our heavenly future is secure.

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## **Stunner in 4th place among America's leading causes of death**

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A new report has revealed a real stunner in fourth place among America's leading causes of death: The abortions from Planned Parenthood.

The leading player in the nation's lucrative abortion industry said in its annual 2022-23 report that the corporation ended the lives of nearly 393,000 during a single year.

And SBA Pro-Life America President Marjorie Dannenfelser quickly pointed out the unwelcome significance of that figure.

"Planned Parenthood's business is abortion, abortion and more abortion. Their annual report shocks the conscience, showing that they ended nearly 393,000 American lives in a single year. This puts abortions performed by Planned Parenthood in the top four leading causes of death in the United States, after heart disease, cancer and COVID-19," she explained.

"Once again, pregnant women who walk into Planned Parenthood are sold an abortion 97% of the time, rather than helped to keep their child or make an adoption plan. Meanwhile they saw 80,000 fewer patients, provided 60,000 fewer pap tests and breast exams, and even gave out less contraception."

Then she noted how ordinary Americans are forced by Democrats in Washington to subsidize the abortion industry.

Do most Americans truly understand that abortion is murder?

"As a reward, Democrats in Washington and in the states sent them almost \$700 million from the taxpayers – one third of their revenue – to end the fiscal year with \$2.5 billion in net assets. Vice President Kamala Harris even made a campaign stop at a Planned Parenthood abortion center. In turn, their political arm spends more than any other abortion-related group to lobby the federal government against commonsense policies like protecting babies born alive after failed abortions," she said.

Abortion actually is one of two major agenda points that Biden adopted on assuming the Oval Office, and he's promoted the industry at every available opportunity. His other campaign goal is transgenderism for children.

Dannenfelser continued, "Planned Parenthood dropped this bombshell report while many Americans are still recovering from tax day. Any family that hasn't been living under a rock has noticed that basic necessities get more expensive by the day. We know that 60% of women who've had abortions would rather have kept their babies if they just had more emotional or financial support."

The Democrats' response to that problem, however, has been to "demonize and strip funding from pregnancy resource centers that serve women and their children. Bidenomics has turned into abortionomics. Just like their hero Margaret Sanger, their 'solution' to the struggle of families to keep their heads above water is to kill their children and let the abortion industry rake in record profits," she said.

Planned Parenthood, in fact, is working hard to grow its industry, a scholar from the Charlotte Lozier Institute explained.

Michael New, Ph.D., noted Planned Parenthood's annual reports "consistently provide solid evidence that Planned Parenthood continues to prioritize abortion."

He said, "Overall, this new report shows that Planned Parenthood performed 392,715 abortions in 2022. This is a record number of abortions for the organization and represents approximately 40 percent of the abortions performed in the United States. The report also indicates that Planned Parenthood continues to cut back on several health services. Between 2022 and 2023, preventive-care visits fell by 31.0 percent, pap tests fell by 13.5 percent, cancer screenings fell by 1.4 percent, and adoption referrals fell by 4.5 percent. Interestingly, for every adoption referral in 2023, Planned Parenthood performed over 228 abortions."

The report confirms Planned Parenthood's results as being "consistent with Planned Parenthood's long-term trend of performing more abortions and providing fewer health services," he said.

"In fact, in the past ten years, the number of abortions performed by Planned Parenthood has increased by 20 percent. Meanwhile, cancer screenings fell by more than 58 percent, and prenatal services declined by more than 67 percent."

The organization, in preparation for the coming election, has documented online the anti-life agenda of the Biden administration.

For example, it has tried to force doctors and nurses to participate in abortion, and has tried to suppress the rights of those who object to the wanton destruction of the unborn.

Biden's worked on this by eliminating the HHS office for Civil Rights, by trying to push through Congress an "equality" plan that demands that abortion at any time is a "right," and pushing for the legitimization of the Equal Rights Amendment, which died decades ago for lack of support.

Explains the report, "The profit-seeking abortion industry wants to erase medical safety standards on the abortion pill Mifeprex – and promote dangerous chemical abortions that put women at risk of heavy bleeding, severe infection, and sometimes death."

Biden even has promoted a piece of legislation known by critics as the "Abortion on Demand Until Birth Act," which would give abortion business operators "carte blanche to carry out abortions throughout pregnancy for any reason."

Biden also has worked to block popular legislation that would stop abortion on demand after five months, refused to protect babies who survive abortion attempts, canceled safety rules protecting Americans from dangerous chemical abortions, refused to recognize an existing federal law banning partial-birth abortions, and more.

Biden also has named the most pro-abortion cabinet ever, with his HHS chief, Xavier Becerra, exhibiting just this week for Congress his refusal to say an abortion of a healthy baby the day before a due date should be wrong.

Further, Biden's administration has been aggressive in trying to make changes that would require all Americans to fund the abortion industry's lavish lifestyle.

He even nominated to the Supreme Court Ketanji Jackson, who "maligned pro-life sidewalk counselors ... in ugly and false ways."

Biden's DOJ, further, has ignored a long list of vandalisms against pro-life pregnancy centers while jailing those who try to counsel women against abortion outside industry locations.

## There Is More To This Current Bird Flu Panic Than Meets The Eye

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Why are global health officials issuing such ominous warnings about the bird flu? Do they know something that the rest of us do not? H5N1 has been circulating all over the planet for several years now, and it has been the worst outbreak that the world has ever seen. Hundreds of millions of birds are already dead, and now H5N1 has been infecting mammals with alarming regularity. The good news is that so far it has not been a serious threat to humans, but could that soon change? According to the World Health Organization, the possibility that H5N1 could start spreading among humans is an "enormous concern":

*The increasing spread of bird flu to humans is an 'enormous concern', the World Health Organization has warned. The virus, an extremely deadly H5N1 subtype, has caused devastating declines in bird populations following its emergence in Europe in 2020.*

*It has since jumped to mammals such as cows, cats, seals and now people, raising the risk of the virus mutating to become more transmissible.*

The fact that so many different types of mammals are now being infected is definitely alarming.

But perhaps cows would not be getting infected if we were not literally feeding them chicken droppings:

*As epidemiologists scramble to figure out how dairy cows throughout the Midwest became infected with a strain of highly pathogenic avian flu — a disease that has decimated hundreds of millions of wild and farmed birds, as well as tens of thousands of mammals across the planet — they're looking at a standard "recycling" practice*

*employed by thousands of farmers across the country: The feeding of animal waste and parts to livestock raised for human consumption.*

*“It seems ghoulish, but it is a perfectly legal and common practice for chicken litter — the material that accumulates on the floor of chicken growing facilities — to be fed to cattle,” said Michael Hansen, a senior scientist with Consumers Union.*

It is not known if eating chicken crap is why so many cows in so many different states are being infected with H5N1.

But at a time when the bird flu is running rampant among chickens and turkeys, it seems very foolish to take chicken crap and feed it to our cows.

In any event, now there is a lot of panic about the potential for an H5N1 outbreak among humans.

Authorities at the WHO are warning that the death rate would be “extraordinarily high” if such an outbreak were to occur:

*Experts at the WHO said humans face an ‘extraordinarily high’ mortality rate if the strain were to take hold, currently killing more than half of those infected.*

I agree.

The bird flu is very dangerous, and if it starts spreading among humans on a widespread basis a lot of people will die.

So why are U.S. taxpayer dollars being used to fund experiments in China that are specifically designed to make bird flu viruses even more deadly? The following comes from an extremely shocking Daily Mail article:

*Lawmakers are demanding answers after it was revealed the US is sending taxpayer dollars to a Chinese army lab to make bird flu viruses more dangerous to people.*

*Eighteen members of Congress are demanding answers from the Department of Agriculture (USDA) about the project, which was first revealed by DailyMail.com.*

*It is part of a \$1million collaboration between the USDA and the CCP-run Chinese Academy of Sciences – the institution that oversees the Wuhan lab at the center of the Covid lab-leak theory.*

*In a scathing letter to USDA Secretary Tom Vilsack last week, the bipartisan group said: ‘This research, funded by American taxpayers, could potentially generate dangerous new lab-created virus strains that threaten our national security and public health.’*



As I warn in my latest book, mad scientists all over the globe are taking some of the most deadly bugs even known to humanity and are purposely trying to make them even more deadly.

And way too often, your tax dollars are paying for it.

Of course experiments on H5N1 are not new.

Over a decade ago, gain of function experiments that were funded by Dr. Francis S. Collins and Dr. Anthony Fauci actually created a mutant version of H5N1 that “had gained the ability to spread through the air between ferrets”:

*And yet in late 2011 the world learned that two scientific teams – one in Wisconsin, led by virologist Yoshihiro Kawaoka, and another in the Netherlands, led by virologist Ron Fouchier – had potentially pushed the virus in that direction. Each of these labs had created H5N1 viruses that had gained the ability to spread through the air between ferrets, the animal model used to study how flu viruses might behave in humans.*

*The ultimate goal of this work was to help protect the world from future pandemics, and the research was supported with words and funding by two of the most prominent scientists in the United States: Dr. Francis S. Collins, director of the National Institutes of Health, and Dr. Anthony Fauci, director of the NIH’s National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases.*

Why would they purposely create such a thing?

Ferrets were specifically chosen for that research because they have respiratory systems that are very similar to humans.

Our ability to create deadly diseases far exceeds our ability to control them, and once something gets out it can spread around the globe in the blink of an eye.

Right now, there is a lot of concern about a “mystery respiratory illness” that has suddenly appeared in Argentina:

*A mystery respiratory illness has hospitalised dozens of people in Argentina in an outbreak that shares eerie similarities with Covid’s arrival.*

*Sixty patients have been sickened with ‘severe atypical pneumonia’ in the capital, Buenos Aires.*

*An alert about the cluster of cases was last night circulated via an international public health surveillance system.*

*Covid was brought to the attention of the world in late 2019 as a result of the same database, called ProMed.*

Hopefully this will turn out to be nothing.

But it is just a matter of time before more great pestilences ravage our planet.

Will H5N1 be one of them?

I don't know, but this is a story that I will definitely be watching closely.