

Can You Trust Prophecy?

1. **Prophecy is more than** prediction and fulfillment. It's about patterns, seasons and understanding God's will for humanity.
2. **All prophecy** about Jesus first coming was fulfilled literally.
3. **Why would prophecy** of his second coming then be allegory?
4. **Amillennialism believes** prophecy for Jesus second coming is more allegory than a literal interpretation. But Why?
5. **It I time to investigate** a more literal interpretation of Prophecy. Using

Acts 17:11 Now the Berean Jews were of more noble character than those in Thessalonica, for they received the message with great eagerness and **examined the Scriptures every day to see** if what Paul said was true.

Revelation 2:12-13

Intimate Letters to the Bride

1. **V: 12 Jesus is the Word.** (John 1:1-4)
2. **V:13 Jesus knows** where you live because he is omniscient.
3. **V:13 A Church within** a Church. The faithful witness.
4. **V:13 Persecuted** unto death.
5. **To the church in Pergamum:** An unholy city with a remnant holding on to His name.
6. **Satan's Throne:** This points to where a city has embraced stealing, death, and destruction. (Cities like San Francisco?)

VIDEO

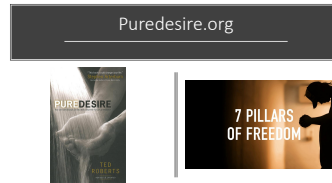
Revelation 2:14-16

The Message

1. **V:14 Fallen humanity:** Their instincts are like unreasoning animals. Their reasoning about sex became perverted. (Jude 1:10)
2. **V: 15 Nicolaitans:** Having the form of religion but denying its power. (2 Timothy 3:5-7 & Jude 1:11)
3. **V:16 Repent** or at the second coming I will come to fight against you. (Matt. 25:41)
4. **V:17 To the one who overcomes** will receive some hidden manna. (John 6:58) The bread that came down from heaven.
5. **V:17 An Individual promise** of an engraved tablet with their name on it. (Luke 10:20) Rejoice that your names are recorded in heaven. (Hebrews 12:23)

Revelation 2:18-23

Two segments of the body of Christ
Are out-of-step
With
God's Plan for our Sexuality



Revelation 2:24-28

The Message

1. **V:19** They are doing more than they did at first.
2. **V:20** The Church leadership lacks purity and are entangled in sexual sins unwilling to change their mind. Do they (condone) accept the cultural perversions of sexual conduct? Yes!
3. **V:21** Unwilling to repent, the deception is so great they probably think they are showing love to those caught up sex immorality.
4. **V:22-23** This brings suffering on their children and the consequence is separation from God. (death)
5. **V:24-25** To the rest they are to “Reject” their false teachings, and this is such a heavy burden. Jesus doesn't place any other burden on them, than to hold on.

Theme: Jesus' Titles

1. **Rev. 2:12** The Word of Him has the double-edged sword.
2. **Rev. 2:18 & 23** The Son of God who searches hearts and minds.

Theme: Promises If...

1. **Rev. 2:17** Hidden manna and white stone with their name on it.
2. **Rev. 2:26** To rule with authority over nations.

Parallels to the 7 Parables (Matthew)

1. **Matthew 13:19** The seed along the path and the birds the enemy (devil) eats the seeds.
2. **Matthew 13:32** Mustard seed parable when the Church expands into the world and becomes a large influence. The birds (Evil Devil, demonic influence) perch in the trees. **13:9** Whoever has ears, let them hear."

4 of the Seven ages

1. Apostolic Church, **Ephesus**
2. Persecuted Church, **Smyrna**
3. The Church Married to the world, **Pergamum**
4. False teachings/prophecy Church, **Thyatira**

Intimate letters to individual segments of the body/bride of Jesus. Yet, the message applies to the whole Church.