

Sunday, 1/3/16 – Evening Worship  
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SERIES: Prophecy, Israel & the Day of  
the Lord  
#1 “Understanding the Book of Joel”  
Text: Varied



- I. **Why Study Prophecy at All?**
  
- II. **Why Aren't Churches Teaching Bible Prophecy Today?**
  - A. Many pastors don't teach prophecy because they have a lack of belief in the power of God's Word.
  
  - B. Many pastors don't teach prophecy because they have a lack of knowledge of-and/or sound training in-Bible prophecy.
  
  - C. Many pastors don't teach prophecy because they have a fear of being lumped in with "prophecy nuts" and those who peddle sensationalism.
  
  - D. Many don't teach prophecy because they have a lack of understanding of the time in which we live and the increasingly close return of Christ.

- III. The seven-fold purpose of Bible prophecy.
1. To reveal that the God of Israel is the all-mighty, all seeing, all-knowing God of the universe.
  2. To reveal that the Bible is the inspired Word of God and true in all its respects.
  3. To require us to study God's Word diligently and with humility, and to teach God's Word with humility and great care
  4. To point to the First Coming of the Messiah
  5. To point to the Second Coming of the Messiah.
  6. To build up, challenge, encourage and comfort the Church to live holy and fruitful lives in the last days.
  7. To warn unbelievers in Israel and in the nations to repent and turn to Jesus Christ before it is too late.