



## Prophecy and Scripture

**Main Text for The Week:** *“We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the Day Star arise in your hearts:”* ([2 Peter 1:19 KJV](#)).

### **Read and Meditate for This Week’s Study:**

*Isaiah 53:1-12; Daniel 7:13-14; 2 Peter 1:16-20; Matthew 17:1-6; Psalm 22;  
2 Timothy 3:15-17; Zechariah 12:10; 13:7; Jeremiah 33:14-15; Daniel 7:13-14.*

**Main Thought for the Week:** The first principle of truth is this - that no prophecy (**Scripture**) of the Word of God is self-originated by the speaker or from a mere impulse of the prophet's own mind. “Holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost” that we might obtain the knowledge of salvation. The Apostle Peter provides several different proofs for why we should accept that gospel of Jesus Christ, and then gives us counsel about how to avoid deception and fanaticism in our Christian experience. Peter shows us that, ultimately, the entire Godhead is working together to provide us with the Light of truth of salvation. Christian growth does not just occur at an individual level, but also at a collective level (**2 Peter 1:20-21**).



## **Jesus in the Old Testament**

### **Sunday's Summary – May 28:**

**SUMMARY THOUGHTS:**All through his epistles, Peter writes with a sense of certainty. He knows what he is talking about because he knows whom he is talking about. The primary reason for this, is that he knows for a fact that Jesus was the One to whom the Old Testament prophets pointed. It was Peter's trust in the Written Word that helped him know the Word "made flesh" (John 1:14).

1. Who do the Scriptures point to?(1 Peter 1:10-12; Zechariah 12:10; Luke 24:25-27) \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. Who was it that sent Christ to do His work(Isaiah 48:16; Daniel 7:13-14) \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. By Whose agency do we have the Holy Scriptures? (2 Peter 1:21; 2 Timothy 3:16) \_\_\_\_\_  
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**ILLUMINATION:** "Before the entrance of sin, Adam enjoyed open communion with his Maker; but since man separated himself from God by transgression, the human race has been cut off from this high privilege. By the plan of redemption, however, a way has been opened whereby the inhabitants of the earth may still have connection with heaven. God has communicated with men by His Spirit, and divine light has been imparted to the world by revelations to His chosen servants. 'Holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.' 2 Peter 1:21." - Ellen G. White, **From Here to Forever**, p. 7.

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## **Eyewitnesses of Majesty**

### **Monday's Summary – May 29:**

1. What other evidence does Peter say he has for his faith in Jesus? (2 Peter 1:16-18) \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. What event was Peter referencing here? (Matthew 17:1-2; Luke 9:28-29) \_\_\_\_\_  
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**ILLUMINATION:** “Through being overcome with sleep, the disciples heard little of what passed between Christ and the heavenly messengers. Failing to watch and pray, they had not received that which God desired to give them,—a knowledge of the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow. They lost the blessing that might have been theirs through sharing His self-sacrifice. Slow of heart to believe were these disciples, little appreciative of the treasure with which Heaven sought to enrich them. Yet they received great light. They were assured that all heaven knew of the sin of the Jewish nation in rejecting Christ. They were given a clearer insight into the work of the Redeemer. They saw with their eyes and heard with their ears things that were beyond the comprehension of man. They were “eyewitnesses of His majesty” (2 Peter 1:16), and they realized that Jesus was indeed the Messiah, to whom patriarchs and prophets had witnessed, and that He was recognized as such by the heavenly universe.”

- Ellen G. White, *The Desire of Ages*, p. 425.

**Discussion Thought:** What can we do to be more tuned in to what God is trying to show or give us, so that we do not become distracted or miss the fullness of the blessings that God has planned for us? \_\_\_\_\_

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## **The Morning Star in Our Hearts**

### **Tuesday's Summary – May 30:**

**SUMMARY THOUGHTS:** In many places in the Bible, a division is made between light and darkness (**Genesis 1:4; John 1:5; Isaiah 5:20; Ephesians 5:8**). For Peter the Word of God shone like a light in a “dark” place (the word translated “dark” also means “obscure” and “dirty”). That’s why he’s so clear that we need to take “heed” to that light, to follow it until “the day dawns and the day star rises in your hearts.” We are fallen beings, living in a fallen and dark world. We need the supernatural power of God to lead us out of this darkness and to the light, and that light is Jesus.

1. Who is the Day Star that Peter is referring to? (**2 Peter 1:19; Revelation 22:16**) \_\_\_\_\_

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2. What does it mean for Day Star to arise in our hearts? (**2 Peter 1:2-4; Isaiah 58:8-10**)

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**ILLUMINATION:** “The whole earth is to be illuminated with the glory of God’s truth. The light is to shine to all lands and all peoples. And it is from those who have received the light that it is to shine forth. The day-star has risen upon us, and we are to flash its light upon the pathway of those in darkness.”

- Ellen G. White, **Christian Experience and Teachings of Ellen G. White**, p. 220

**Appeal:** Take some time today to reflect upon any events or experiences that have made deep and lasting impressions on your spiritual life and faith – and thank God for this blessing.

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## **The More Sure Word of Prophecy**

### **Wednesday's Summary – May 31:**

1. What does Peter mean when he says that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation? (2 Peter 1:19-21; Isaiah 28:10) \_\_\_\_\_

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2. What other instruction do we have concerning the interpretation of Scripture? (Isaiah 8:20; Deuteronomy 19:15; Matthew 18:16) \_\_\_\_\_

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**SUMMARY THOUGHTS:** The New Testament church grew together and studied together. Christians were part of a larger body (1 Corinthians 12:12-14). In stating that “no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation,” Peter was warning against the kind of study in which one rejects any insight from the community of believers, or ignores any inspired instruction which undermines our cherished views. In interacting with others we can grow together as a church. The Holy Spirit works within the community of believers, and through it, God communicates light to the world. By praying and studying together, we can avoid fanaticism and incorrect interpretations of scripture. The one who works alone, refusing input from others, is likely to come to wrong conclusions, particularly where prophecy is concerned.

**Discussion Thought:** How do we balance being open to counsel of the **body** of believers, with being able to obey the leading of the Holy Spirit in your life, directly?

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## **The Word in Our Lives**

### **Thursday's Summary – June 1:**

1. What is the role of the Scripture in our lives? (2 Peter 1:19-21; 2 Timothy 3:15-17)

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2. What is our responsibility for sharing the gospel? (1 Timothy 4:16) \_\_\_\_\_

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### **Let's break down 1 Timothy 4:16 a little bit:**

**Doctrine:** Doctrines are the Christ-centered teachings of the Bible.

**Guidance:** The Scripture provides direction on how we should live our lives and outlines what is right and wrong conduct. Inspired by the Holy Spirit, Scripture is nothing less than the revealed will of God.

**“Wise unto Salvation”:** The Scripture makes us “wise unto salvation” by teaching us Who Jesus is, and how to have a saving relationship with Him. Salvation is built on the acceptance of Jesus’ sacrifice for our sins, and His mediation in the Heavenly Sanctuary, and the work of the Holy Spirit in our daily lives.

Doctrine, moral guidance, the knowledge of salvation: no wonder the Word of God is like “a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts:” (2 Peter 1:19).

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# Wrapping It All Up

### Friday's Summary – June 2:

**ILLUMINATION:** “It is the first and highest duty of every rational being to learn from the Scriptures what is truth, and then to walk in the light and encourage others to follow his example. We should day by day study the Bible diligently, weighing every thought and comparing scripture with scripture. With divine help we are to form our opinions for ourselves as we are to answer for ourselves before God. The truths most plainly revealed in the Bible have been involved in doubt and darkness by learned men, who, with a pretense of great wisdom, teach that the Scriptures have a mystical, a secret, spiritual meaning not apparent in the language employed. These men are false teachers. It was to such a class that Jesus declared: ‘Ye know not the Scriptures, neither the power of God.’ **Mark 12:24**. The language of the Bible should be explained according to its obvious meaning, unless a symbol or figure is employed. Christ has given the promise: ‘If any man will do His will, he shall know of the doctrine.’ **John 7:17**. If men would but take the Bible as it reads, if there were no false teachers to mislead and confuse their minds, a work would be accomplished that would make angels glad and that would bring into the fold of Christ thousands upon thousands who are now wandering in error.” - Ellen G. White, **The Great Controversy**, pp. 598-599

**Appeal:** Are you willing to study God's word more diligently and prayerfully that you might understand His will for your life? Why not make a commitment to do this beginning today!

**Final Thoughts:** We at Metro New York World Ministry are committed to lift up the **more sure word of prophecy**, by which we may learn of the love of the Godhead towards us, manifested in the Father giving of the Son of God to die for our sins, and granting us the gift of the Holy Spirit to help us to live in accordance with His commandment. **John 15:12, 17:** “This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you. These things I command you, that ye love one another.” **John 13:34-35:** “... By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.” Let us study and obey His commandment that we may be approved unto God!