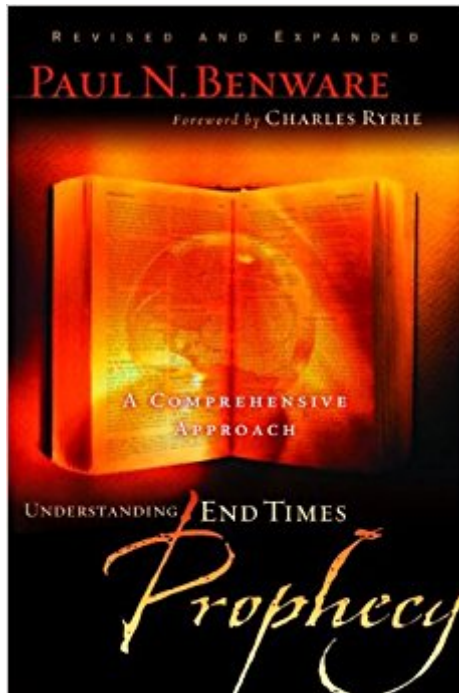




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Understanding End Times Prophecy: A Comprehensive Approach



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Many Christians think of end-times prophecy as a gigantic, intimidating puzzle—difficult to piece together and impossible to figure out. But every puzzle can be solved if you approach it the right way. Paul Benware compares prophecy to a picture puzzle. Putting the edge pieces together first builds the 'framework' that makes it easier to fit the other pieces in their place. According to Benware, the framework for eschatology is the biblical covenants. He begins his comprehensive survey by explaining the major covenants. Then he discusses several different interpretations of end-times prophecy. Benware digs into the details of the Rapture, the Great Tribulation, the judgements and resurrections, and the millennial kingdom. But he also adds a unique, personal element to the study, answering questions as: Why study bible prophecy? What difference does it make if I'm premillennial or amillennial? If what the Bible says about the future puzzles you, Understanding End Times Prophecy will help you put together the pieces and see the big picture.

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This book is a remarkably readable, clear, concise, and yet comprehensive discussion of future events. It is the best volume of its kind on the subject--whether for individual study, group discussion, or as a course text.-Thomas H. Cragoe, ThD, Interim Chair and Associate Professor of Bible, Cedarville University For those seeking the broad panoramic view of future things, Understanding End Times Prophecy provides a valuable resource. Benware, a veteran college teacher and conference speaker, effectively and clearly explains key definitions and critical issues related to the biblical narrative of prophetic truth.-W. Sherrill Babb, President, Philadelphia Biblical

University The drama of biblical eschatology is often a technical and complex subject that can be bewildering to the uninitiated. Dr. Paul Benware has offered a vital service by providing a compass to navigate the challenging prophetic terrain. Understanding End Times Prophecy makes accessible an otherwise formidable and confusing subject. -J. Gregory Behle, Professor of Christian Education, The Master's College, Sun Valley, Calif. One of the finest works of its kind on the subject. Dr. Benware's revision will bring prophecy students up to speed on new eschatological issues that are now having a negative effect on the doctrines that deal with the return of the Lord. -Mal Couch, President, Tyndale Seminary, Fort Worth, Tex. Millions have read the Left Behind books and have been inspired at this fictionalized rendering of the End Times. Bible prophecy must be understood from a biblical foundation of God's covenants and His character. Dr. Benware's book is a must for the student of God's Word to gain an understanding of the various views of the end times. Read this book with an open Bible and stand in awe of our God and His plan for mankind. -Brent D. Garrison, President, Southwestern College, Phoenix, Ariz. Conflict, contradiction, and confusion: All words that describe current perspectives on end-times prophecy. Thankfully, Dr. Paul Benware has provided a map to guide us out of the interpretive chaos and into a sound understanding of what the Bible has to say about the future. Balanced, fair, and easy to understand, Dr. Benware has produced the single best text on eschatology. -Michael Rydelnik, Professor of Jewish Studies, Moody Bible Institute, Author of Understanding the Arab-Israeli Conflict

Do you think what happens in the future doesn't matter today? Think again. The author of Revelation prefaced his vision with the encouragement that the person who knows prophetic truths and orders his life according to those truths will live better now. The study of Bible prophecy reminds us that God is sovereign. It reminds us that God is good. It motivates us to holy living. It helps us establish proper priorities. It gives us hope. Dr. Paul Benware has these benefits in mind in this revised and expanded edition of his classic book. In this new edition he addresses the confusion and conflict surrounding the topic of prophecy, provides a biblical framework to clarify different interpretations including pre-, a-, and postmillennialism, and includes an entire chapter on preterism. He also provides insight that can help you understand how these different explanations of Scripture have the power to shape your faith and offers tools to help you develop discernment. This book is a remarkably readable, clear, concise, and yet comprehensive discussion of future events. It is the best volume of its kind on the subject whether for individual study, group discussion, or as a

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I'm still slogging through it. I am PCA (thoroughly Reformed). I studied eschatology a long time ago, and I'm back to it now, teaching adult Sunday school class. This book (so far) treats Scripture as literal as one can (there are symbols in Revelation that maybe should not be interpreted literally). Between dispensational and covenantal theological approaches, dispensational is by far the most literal interpretative method. I don't say I'm dispensational. I believe the God's Word, whether I understand it all or not. I don't even know all that the theologians say, they don't agree, and they're not infallible. This book may be rehash of the enormous wealth of information out there. I'm very satisfied with it so far. Methodical, concise. Your interpretation of eschatology will depend on how you view the covenants/promises of God. He starts there with a brief overview.

Usually books on end times can seem a little intimidating. Some books try to avoid this by not using technical terms or cutting back on biblical proofs. This book does neither of those things. Benware helps you understand the terms associated with end times, and he gives clear, logical, biblical proofs to defend his position. This book takes the position that after the 7-year tribulation, Jesus will physically come to earth to establish a literal 1000-year kingdom over the world. He also argues that the Rapture of the Church will take place before the Tribulation. Whether you agree with this position or not, you should read this book to understand the arguments for this position and the arguments against other positions. Benware rights in a tone that is respectful of other views, but he makes a clear biblical defense for what he thinks the Bible teaches. A book like this is a must read

for anyone who is interested in what the Bible says about end times (pastors, lay teachers, seminary students).

Comprehensive, thorough, fair. This book will be a good starter or finisher for one's studies about the end times. If one knows a lot about the second coming, he will find this to be a good wrap up to his studies. If one is a relative novice in end times studies, he will have a good primer for future study. Benware is clearly Pretrib by conviction, but he shows the strengths and weaknesses of most of the more traditional views fairly and respectfully.

This turned out to be an 'update' of an earlier edition of this book. If I had known this I would not have bought it because I don't think there would be enough 'update' to make it worth the purchase. BUT, if you do not have the earlier edition THIS WOULD BE FIVE STAR FOR YOU!!! It is an excellent book IF you did not already read it about six years ago.

For anybody who would like to know about interpreting the end times Biblically, and knowing the various views of eschatology this is a must read. The author obviously has his own eschatological perspectives (Pre-trib dispensationalism) but gives a fair and thorough representation of all of the views. The writer lays the basic foundations first then builds from there, showing the reader the history and the arguments that the supporters of each of the views give. There is a lot of talk about and interest in the end times these days. With so many theories floating around this is a must read for anyone who is interested in truly knowing end times prophecy.

Excellent, excellent book. Exceptionally well written for lay person or student. Covers what is important to know for studying prophecy. Covenants, theology (with different viewpoints), church and Israelvery comprehensive. Trying to get everything by him out there. Pretrib, mid, post. Dispensations. One of my favorites with Martyn Lloyd Jones.....

This book was used as a college course textbook. It is very thorough. It is very biased towards predispensationalism, pretribulationism, and premillennialism. It was perhaps the most topic inclusive and exhaustive book on end times I have encountered.

Very insightful. Recommend to anyone studying the end times. Author communicates in a way that is clear and easy to understand.

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