

In View of His Appearing

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1. "Forth Telling" – a message from the LORD to the _____ audience.
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 - a. Fulfilled prophecy supports the truthfulness, reliability, and accuracy of the Bible.
 - b. If what was prophesied about Jesus's first coming was fulfilled completely, logically we can conclude that what has been prophesied about His appearing again will be fulfilled completely.
3. _____ Fulfillment – a message from the LORD of what He will do in the future.
 - a. God is the God of all time: past, present, and future.
 - b. What He has revealed is what He wants us to know about the future.
 - c. What He has revealed is a comfort to His beloved.

An understanding of what is to come...

1. Magnifies our view of the One True God,

2. Gives hope, encouragement, and purpose to our walk with the Lord. Prophecy is _____.

In view of His Appearing (with an eye on what's to come), consider these exhortations:

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3. Answers one of life's most important questions: what is my _____?
4. Spurs on evangelism and world-wide missions. Acts 17:30, 31
5. Is helpful to our understanding of current events.
6. Is an important element of the Eternal Gospel. Rev 14:6,7
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