

Notes of a Series of

SIX LECTURES

on

BIBLE PROPHECY

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DEFINITIONS AND TIME MEASUREMENTS

INTROD:

1. Perhaps you will think I am rash or presumptuous in bringing to you, in these morning sessions, a series on Bible Prophecy.
2. I do not wish to engage in controversy, yet, because feelings are so strong among believers on prophetic subjects, it is well-nigh impossible to speak on this theme without running afoul of somebody's viewpoint.
3. Some christian groups make a certain prophetic school of thought the basis of fellowship - they will not tolerate any other view.
4. Now I believe we may be dogmatic on the cardinal or fundamental doctrines of our faith:
 - (1) The literal Second Coming of Christ IS a fundamental of our christian faith.
 - (2) But there are many views about the details of that Advent that are purely speculative and not fundamental.
5. The current popular view of prophecy is the FUTURISTIC SCHOOL, but it is only about 150 years old.

None of the Reformers and no Bible teacher on record, taught the Futurist position before the year 1830 A.D.
6. I do not hold that position. You may ask, "Well, what position do you hold - to what prophetic school do you belong?"
 - (1) May I humbly say, "I don't 'belong' to any "school of thought" on this subject.
 - (2) I think I have studied most of them, if not all. I was once a Futurist, but found so many points that were at variance with the Scriptures, that I gave it up.
 - (3) I find many Scriptural truths, but also many points inconsistent with the teaching of the Word, in all the main schools of prophecy.
 - (4) I do not claim to have any superior insight into the subject, for I am still searching and have many things to learn.
 - (5) I do, however, wish to keep my mind clear and open to the Holy Spirit, and not be unduly influenced by the teachings of men.
7. Many recent books, and many popular radio and T.V. pro-