

There is a big difference between Nostradamus and the prophecy in Daniel. One of the biggest is found in the presence of a time frame in Daniel. That three more kingdoms would arise, and that God would establish His kingdom in the days of that last earthly kingdom, all pins down a time for the fulfillment. If Christ had not established His kingdom during the days of the Roman empire, the prophecy of Daniel would have failed. Nostradamus, on the other hand, used vague language that could eventually be applied to something. And surely he knew that assassinations of leaders occur the world over, all the time, and would continue to as long as the world stands!

Conclusion...

In Daniel, we have compelling reason to believe that the Bible is the word of God, as it claims to be. As you know, if the Bible is the word of God, then you should be listening and obeying!... Right?...

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A GOLD MINE OF TREASURE by Bob Pulliam

Have you ever heard this one?... “I wish I could get more interested in studying the Bible.” Perhaps you have even made this statement. But where do you start? If you are having trouble in this area, I believe you should start by staking out your claim. Do you want to become more interested? Then that is your claim. If you really wanted a piece of property you believed to contain gold, wouldn't you buy it? Wouldn't you stake out your claim and start searching? You sure would! So do you really want to get interested in Bible study?

A Missing Ingredient...

If the Bible is what you wish to become interesting in, then you must do more than study it. The Bible is *not just for study*. You know that to be true; but did you know that the most fervent of interests comes by exercising the Bible in every way it is intended for you?

To illustrate this, allow me to point out this important principle in the lives of several people I have known in the past. Many times I have preached on subjects only to have people come to me a few weeks later and ask me to answer something I answered in those sermons. Why the sudden interest in what they had not listened to before? They had been talking with a friend or relative who had brought up that subject. They

didn't know the answer because they had not listened to the sermon as they should (taking notes would have helped). Now they needed for me to preach it to them again. Suddenly they have a stake in the information I had presented. Suddenly it is of benefit to them. They now need to know what was "ho-hum" before. The difference?... Using the word of God to teach others.

Rather than waiting for others to put you on the spot with questions you cannot answer; you need to be taking what you learn to others and asking them questions. Read your Bible daily, and then think about what you read during the day. With that time, formulate questions you can ask others to make them think about matters of truth.

Not very interested in studying the Bible?... Well, what are you doing about it?...

THE END OF THE WORLD IS NEAR

by Bob Pulliam

The end of the world is near... Or so you would think by listening to the news. But that is nothing new. The media has to *sell* the news, and to do so they wrap it in an "interesting" package. During the gulf war, the word "Armageddon" arose frequently. We are constantly told of the dire consequences global warming holds for our planet. And then we have added to this the threat of a collision by a comet, or other body in space. The latest is the fear that 2012 will be the end of the world. If you have no faith in God, you would just about have to be in a constant state of anxiety over the future.

What if you do have faith in God? Would these matters have no effect on you? Consider the present hope of the Christian, and see what effect it might have...

The Christian is in an ever state of readiness. Not so much for the end of the world as for the coming of the Lord. The Christian stands ready to meet the *beginning* of his *true* existence. The Christian knows that the world must come to an end one day (II Pt 3:10). The Christian also knows that such a day brings great joy to the people of God (I Th 4:13-18). It is not a Muslim or a war that stands out on that great day. It is the coming of the Lord. The Christian does not worry about how long it will be before the Sun burns out, nor about a giant body in space striking the earth and wiping out life. These are worries left to worldlings who treasure this world as all there is. They worship the environment to such a degree that they cannot see the One who made both the earth and the heavens. They fear the year 2012 more than they fear the living God who will judge them

one day.

How long will the world stand?... For you it will only stand for as long as you live. That isn't very long, is it? From that standpoint, the end of the world is near. But the question of how long each of us have isn't nearly as important as what we are doing with the time we have left. "It is appointed unto man once to die, and after this the judgment." (Heb 9:27) "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad." (II Cor 5:10) "Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect." (Mt 24:44)

A COMPELLING REASON TO BELIEVE

by Bob Pulliam

One of the most amazing revelations in the Old Testament was given to a pagan king. He was not praying to God for a revelation, nor was he trying to live a good life. God made this revelation through a dream to Nebuchadnezzar. In Daniel two we read of a dream that is interpreted by Daniel, and foretells the coming kingdom of Christ.

When Was it Written?...

Some would tell us that Daniel was written after all of it's "prophecies" were fulfilled. Such would be like me writing a prophecy (using the future tense) of something that happened a few years ago, and burying it for someone to find a hundred years from now. The only problem is, Daniel was written well before 250 BC. How do I know this? Is it found in your Old Testament? Every writing in your Old Testament was included in a Greek translation of the Hebrew Old Testament called the Septuagint. This translation was commissioned around 250 BC, and included only those books of the Old Testament that had already been around for some time. This places (as a matter of history) the prophecy of Nebuchadnezzar's dream (of Christ's kingdom) over three hundred years before it's fulfillment.

Nostradamus...

Nostradamus was a French astrologer who lived in the 1500s. He offered many prophecies which have been published and read by millions. He has been credited with many fulfilled prophecies, including that of Kennedy's assassination.