

prophesy

[ˈprɒfɪsaɪ] *v*

1. 1) предсказывать; пророчить
to prophesy disaster [a storm] - предсказывать несчастье [бурю]
to prophesy of things to come - возвещать будущее
- 2) *рел.* пророчествовать
2. *рел. ист.* толковать *или* проповедовать священное писание

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proph-esy [prophesy prophesies prophesied prophesying] *BrE* [ˈprɒfəsai]

NAmE [ˈprɑːfəsə] *verb* (proph-es-ies, proph-esy-ing, proph-es-ied, proph-es-ied)

to say what will happen in the future (done in the past using religious or magic powers)

- ~ **sth** to prophesy war
- The event was prophesied in the Old Testament.
- ~ **that...** She prophesied that she would win a gold medal.
- + **speech** 'It will end in disaster,' he prophesied.

Verb forms:

| verb forms | |
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| present simple | |
| I / you / we / they | prophesy |
| | <i>BrE</i> / ˈprɒfəsəɪ/ |
| | <i>NAmE</i> / ˈprɑːfəsəɪ/ |
| he / she / it | prophesies |
| | <i>BrE</i> / ˈprɒfəsəɪz/ |
| | <i>NAmE</i> / ˈprɑːfəsəɪz/ |
| past simple, past participle | prophesied |
| | <i>BrE</i> / ˈprɒfəsəɪd/ |
| | <i>NAmE</i> / ˈprɑːfəsəɪd/ |
| -ing form | prophesying |
| | <i>BrE</i> / ˈprɒfəsəɪɪŋ/ |
| | <i>NAmE</i> / ˈprɑːfəsəɪɪŋ/ |

Word Origin:

Middle English: from Old French *profecier*, from *profecie* via late Latin from Greek *prophēteia*, from *prophētēs* 'spokesman', from *pro* 'before' + *phētēs* 'speaker' (from *phēnai* 'speak').

Example Bank:

- He prophesied that a flood would cover the Earth's surface.

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proph-esy /ˈprɒfəsai, ˈprɒfɪsaɪ \$ ˈprɑːfəsə- *BrE* *AmE* *verb* (past tense and past participle

prophesied, present participle prophesying, third person singular prophesies) [intransitive and transitive]

to say what will happen in the future, especially using religious or magical knowledge **SYN** foretell

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- He prophesied that a flood would cover the earth.
- There was a great war between the countries, just as the elders had prophesied.

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- **predict** to say that something will happen, before it happens: In the future, it may be possible to predict earthquakes. | Scientists are trying to predict what the Amazon will look like in 20 years' time.
- **forecast** to say what is likely to happen in the future, especially in relation to the weather or the economic or political situation: They're forecasting a hard winter. | Economists forecast that there would be a recession.
- **project** to say what the amount, size, cost etc of something is likely to be in the future, using the information you have now: The world's population is projected to rise by 45%.
- **can say especially spoken** be able to know what will happen in the future: No one can say what the next fifty years will bring. | I can't say exactly how much it will cost.
- **foretell** to say correctly what will happen in the future, using special religious or magical powers: The woman claimed that she had the gift of foretelling the future. | It all happened as the prophet had foretold.
- **prophesy** to say that something will happen because you feel that it will, or by using special religious or magical powers: He's one of those people who are always prophesying disaster. | The coming of a great Messiah is prophesied in the Bible. | He prophesied that the world would end in 2012. | Marx prophesied that capitalism would destroy itself.
- **foresee** to know that something is going to happen before it happens: They should have foreseen these problems. | No one foresaw the outcome of the war.
- **have a premonition** to have a strange feeling that something is about to happen, especially something bad, usually just before it happens: Suddenly I had a strange premonition of danger ahead.

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