

prophecy['prɒfɪsi] *n*

1. предсказание, пророчество; прорицание
the gift of prophecy - дар ясновидения
the prophecy was fulfilled - предсказание сбылось
2. *рел. уст.* публичная проповедь священного писания
3. книга пророчеств
the prophecy of Isaiah - книга пророка Исаяи

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prop-hesy [prophecy prophecies] *BrE* ['prɒfəsi] ^u *NAmE* ['prɑːfəsi] ^u **noun** (pl.**prop-he-cies**)

1. **countable** a statement that sth will happen in the future, especially one made by sb with religious or magic powers
 - to fulfil a prophecy (= make it come true)
2. **uncountable** (formal) the power of being able to say what will happen in the future
 - She was believed to have the gift of prophecy.

Word Origin:

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

Example Bank:

- The poem contains a bleak prophecy of war and ruin.
- low expectations that become a self-fulfilling prophecy
- Macbeth believed the witches' prophecy about his future.

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1. **[countable]** a statement that something will happen in the future, especially one made by someone with religious or magic powers

⇒ **prophet****prophecy** (that)

^u The **prophecy** that David would become King was fulfilled.

prophecy of

^u the **prophecy** of Isaiah

2. **[uncountable]** the power or act of making statements about what will happen in the future:

^u She had the gift of **prophecy**.

⇒ **self-fulfilling prophecy** at ^u**self-fulfilling****prophecy**

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