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Thread: [What are your predictions on BTC?](#)

James Burnham - January 11, 2026, 7:11 am

Where do you think it will go the following months?

James Burnham - January 19, 2026, 12:25 pm

Does this hold any water?

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/digital-assets/2026/01/09/goldman-sachs-just-issued-a-huge-2026-crypto-forecast-as-200000-bitcoin-price-predicted/>

Omniscient - January 19, 2026, 12:31 pm

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Yanix - January 20, 2026, 3:50 am

Hopefully the next few months will be better and bring more good days.

Costanza - January 20, 2026, 5:20 am

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Mewtwo - January 20, 2026, 6:01 am

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Costanza - January 20, 2026, 8:00 am

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Mewtwo - January 20, 2026, 9:32 am

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Hackers - January 20, 2026, 9:40 am

Same as I've been saying on HF for over a year (and longer elsewhere)

We'll likely see 60-70k, or 70-80k as more plausible / optimistic, and we'll likely see the next push into the 150-160 range, with a massive ATH in the future (years) for 360-430K.

I thought we'd see 112K as a top instead of 120-125 so I am treating my 60-70k prediction as lower as well for 70-80k.

However, Murphy's Law. If my 112 became over 120, then surely my 60 will be 50 haha!

All in all, not stressed, and I have stuck to my word. I am not buying Bitcoin in bulk. I will buy in the 70s to restock

I am effectively shorting Bitcoin for many months now by not buying. I am a little salty that I got accused of AI a few months ago because I said the same shit in January & February 2025, and am saying it again now. I've had a prediction of 360-430K top for 8 years now and counting.

Costanza - January 20, 2026, 10:38 am

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Mewtwo - January 20, 2026, 11:57 am

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Here's the clear breakdown ?

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- It does not matter that you stayed "inside crypto."
- Stablecoins like USDT are treated like property, not cash.

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Gain/Loss = Value of BTC at trade – Your BTC cost basis

Example:

- You bought BTC at \$30,000
- You trade it for USDT when BTC is \$45,000

? Taxable gain = \$15,000

Even though you never touched USD.

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? Holding crypto (no sale)

? Buying crypto with USD (no sale yet)

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? BTC -> USDT

? BTC -> ETH

? USDT -> USD

? Paying for something with crypto

? Earning crypto (staking, mining, airdrops, rewards)

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? Do exchanges report this?

- Yes, many U.S. exchanges issue 1099 forms
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And I can estimate exact tax owed for your situation.

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Not from america bud. try again.

Mewtwo - January 29, 2026, 6:02 pm

(Jan 19, 2026 01:31 PM)Omniscient Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Sideways action within 25% of \$100k. Just a lot of up and down and up and down.

Looks like it's really heading that direction. We're close to 75k. I wonder the reason for the dumps are for this time.

Yin Yang - January 30, 2026, 9:26 am

Maybe as low as 70 and high of 95

I do sort of agree with this:

Bovril Coin - January 30, 2026, 12:43 pm

is MTgox still selling off? no idea why BTC isnt joining the ATH team of gold and silver