

**HOW TO UNDERSTAND THE BIBLE**  
**WEEK 8**  
**Guidelines for Interpreting Prophecy**

**I. Introduction; The \_\_\_\_\_ and prophecy**

**a. Old Testament \_\_\_\_\_ of Prophet**

**b. New Testament \_\_\_\_\_ of apostle and \_\_\_\_\_ of prophet**

**c. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the prophets ministry and message**

**1. \_\_\_\_\_ telling**

**2. \_\_\_\_\_ telling**

**II. The prophet and prophetic \_\_\_\_\_**

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**KEY QUESTION; What is the \_\_\_\_\_ of predictive prophecy?**

- 1. The chief purpose is to \_\_\_\_\_ of those who hear the prophecy.**
- 2. The other purpose is met only after the prophecy \_\_\_\_\_. That purpose is to \_\_\_\_\_**

**III. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the prophetic message**

**a. Whether the prophet is discussing past, present, or future events, the prophet is seeking to make God \_\_\_\_\_ that men can know and experience.**

**b. Whether the prophet is discussing past, present, or future events, the purpose of the message is always to impact the readers \_\_\_\_\_**

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c. Why is it that the future elements of prophecy are \_\_\_\_\_?

d. We must remember the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Prophet

IV. The \_\_\_\_\_ character of prophecy

- \_\_\_\_\_ Reference

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**V. Principles for \_\_\_\_\_ Prophetic Passages**

**a. Follow the \_\_\_\_\_ of Biblical interpretation**

**b. Focus on the \_\_\_\_\_ of the passage and its message**

**c. Look for the \_\_\_\_\_ orientation**

## **VI. The special rules of \_\_\_\_\_ Prophecy**

### **a. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Apocalyptic Literature**

**It is far better to admit “\_\_\_\_\_” than to \_\_\_\_\_ on something.**

**Remember the 4<sup>th</sup> rule of interpreting scripture;**

### **b. Rules for \_\_\_\_\_ Apocalyptic literature**

- 1. Accept that the purpose is to give us a \_\_\_\_\_ of the future, and not \_\_\_\_\_**

Mark 13:32-34

2. Keep your focus on what is \_\_\_\_\_, and resist the temptation to focus on that which is \_\_\_\_\_.

*Question; What is the* \_\_\_\_\_

3. Look for the \_\_\_\_\_ while allowing that the \_\_\_\_\_ may be more figurative than literal

- Revelation 20:15-21

- 1 John 2:18-22 and 4:1-4

4. Remember the \_\_\_\_\_

The main question to answer with every passage is: \_\_\_\_\_? The Bible is by its very nature, practical.

- 1<sup>st</sup> Timothy 1:3-7