

Prophecy

I. Prophecy is a kind of narrative, prose, or poetry that has a component of _____.

A. _____ prophecy is one of the strongest arguments that we have for the truthfulness and divine origin of the Bible.

B. Systems of prophecy

1. We hold to the dispensational system:

a) *The first question* is whether the church has inherited the promises of an _____ made to the Jews in the Old Testament.

b) We believe that there is a _____ between Israel and the church

I Cor. 10:32 *Give none offence, neither to the Jews, nor to the Gentiles, nor to the church of God.*

2. Millennial kingdom expectations: *the second question* is who establishes this kingdom?

a) _____: Jesus does the work

b) _____: the church does the work

c) _____: nobody does the work

C. Much prophecy focuses attention on one of three great events in human history

1. Jesus' first advent: Jesus came as _____ Servant (Isa. 53)

2. Jesus' second advent: Jesus shall come as _____ King (Rev. 19:11-16; 20:4c)

3. Jesus' rule: Jesus reigns on the throne of David, bringing to ultimate fulfillment the promises to Abraham & David (Gen. 12:1-2; II Sam. 7:12-13)

D. But there is another understanding of prophecy that colors a person's reading of Scripture, *the third question*: when is the church taken? We call the taking of the church the *rapture*.

1. _____-tribulation
2. _____-tribulation
3. Concurrent with the 2nd advent
4. The church remains on the earth

II. Principles to understanding prophecy

- A. The principle of prophetic _____ (compare Isa. 61:1-3 to Luke 4:17-20)
- B. The principle of progressive _____
- C. The principle of precise _____
- D. The principle of plain _____ (II Kgs. 6:24-7:20; Isa. 8:3-4)
- E. The principle of partial _____ (Joel 2:28-32 & Acts 2:16-21)

III. Pitfalls to understanding prophecy

- A. The pitfall of focusing on prophecy to the exclusion of more applicable forms of truth.
- B. The pitfall of (supposed) _____ knowledge
- C. The pitfall of _____ prophecies
- D. The pitfall of seeing our "people" in prophecy.