

LESSON 1
UNDERSTANDING PROPHECY
A BACKGROUND

I. The Nature of Prophecy

A. What is it?

- Biblical prophecy is _____.
- Biblical prophecy is _____.

B. Understanding Prophecy

- Prophecy can have _____.
- Scripture Isaiah 7:10-16, 8:3-4, Matthew 1:23
- We do not necessarily understand _____.
- You must make a decision concerning _____.

C. Methods of interpretation

1. The allegorical method

- This is _____.
- It views the text as _____.
- It often disregards _____.

2. The literal method

- This is _____.
- This method looks at _____.
- The text is interpreted based upon its _____.

II. A Realistic Approach

A. A diversity of views

- Recognize that good Christians have _____.

- Believers hold differing views about _____.

B. Definition of Terms

- The millennium is the _____ in the Kingdom of God.
- The tribulation refers to a seven year period in which _____.
- The rapture is _____ at his second coming.