

# The Prophetic Principle

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## A. Important observations.

1. Revelation is a book of true prophecy.
2. Its symbols stand for something real.
3. Its perspective is not limited to a brief period like 3½ years.
4. Justice must be done to the truth that is in the book.
5. The truth — Christ and His Church have an age—long battle with Satan.

## B. Prophecy is not to be privately interpreted.

1. **2 Peter 1:19-21** - “And so we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts; knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation.”
2. The prophets of the Old Testament, like John, received heavenly visions. Their prophecies interpreting the visions were not the production of their own spirits, but the Spirit of God.