

BIBLE PROPHECY **BASIC DEFINITIONS**

1. **PROPHECY** - προφητεία – (Greek – propheteia) – the inspired declaration of divine will and purpose, a special feature of divine communication as **revelation regarding future events**, forthtelling or foretelling.
2. **APOCALUPSE** - ἀποκάλυψις – (Greek – apokalupsis) – revelation, unveiling, marked by symbols, imagery and the **expectation of an imminent cosmic cataclysm** leading to God’s millennial rule or the forecasting of the world’s end.
3. **ESCHATOLOGY** - ἐσχατολογία – (Greek – eschatologia) – **last things**; the branch of theology concerned with the **final events of world history** or of mankind.
4. **METAPHOR** – μετὰφορ – (Greek – metaphor) – an **implied comparison**, a figure of speech in which a word or phrase denoting one kind of object or meaning is used in place of another. (Example: “He is a lovable little fuzz ball.”)
5. **ALLEGORY** – ἀλληγορία – (Greek – allegoria) – **a story** in which symbolic fictional figures are **used to express truths or generalizations** about human existence. (Example: “the story of the tortoise and the hare.”)
6. **FIGURE OF SPEECH** - a form of expression such as a “simile” or “metaphor” used to **convey meaning or heighten effect when comparing** one thing with another.
7. **ANALOGY** – ἀναλογία – (Greek – analogia) – an **inferred correspondence**, inference that if two or more things agree with one another in some respects they will probably agree in others; part of a system is similar to the whole of a system. (Example: “the analogy between the heart and a pump” or “the human brain and a computer”)
8. **SIMILE** – **a direct comparison**; a figure of speech comparing two unlike things that is often introduced by like or as. (Example: “He is built like a truck.” or “He is as strong as a horse.”)
9. **HYPERBOLE** – a figure of speech **which** uses **extravagant exaggeration**.