

Four Rules of Interpretation

- Rule 1: Each apocalyptic prophecy has a beginning and ending point in time and the events must occur in the order they are given.
- Rule 2: A fulfillment only occurs when all of the specifications of a prophecy are met. This includes the order within the prophecy.
- Rule 3: Apocalyptic language can be literal, analogous or symbolic. To reach the intended meaning, one must consider: (a) context,
- (b) parallel language used elsewhere in the Bible, and (c) if symbolic, the element must be defined by a relevant text. Rule 4: The presence or absence of the Jubilee Calendar determines how God measures time in apocalyptic prophecy.