5-3-1 - Kaiser & Silva Chapter 12

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Five Quiz Questions

1. What percentage of Bible verses contain predictive material? 5%, 12%, 27%, 56%?
2. What advantages did Moses have as compared to other Biblical prophets?
3. Are most Old Testament prophecies conditional or unconditional?
4. Discuss the historical allusions in Haggai 2:20-22. How does understanding these allusions aid in understanding the prophecy?
5. What are the three aspects to prophecy (as taken from the Antiochian school of interpretation)?

Three Terms With Definitions

1. Literal understanding of prophecy - understanding prophecy in the sense which the human author and which his words convey, with words taken according to their normal grammatical, and philological sense
2. Prophetic Perspective - the phenomenon of blending together, both near and distant aspect of the prediction in one and the same vision
3. Sequential prophecy - prophecy where the predictions contained within them place several events together in one prediction, even though they will be fulfilled in a sequence in a series of acts, perhaps stretching over several centuries

Summary Paragraph

Chapter 12 of *Biblical Hermeneutics* covers “the meaning of prophecy.” Kaiser begins by discussing the characteristics of Biblical Prophecy, first in a list, and then in great detail. He then goes into the question of the prophets’ understanding of their own prophecies, and the Biblical

evidence for his claims. This is followed by principles for interpreting prophecies. Lastly, Kaiser discusses the “double sense” of prophecy, including multiple fulfillment.