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5-3-1 Chapter 12 on Kaiser & Silva

Questions

1. What is one of the six characteristics of biblical prophecy?
2. “The prophets had an _____ understanding of what they preached and wrote but this is not to say that they were fully _____ or _____ all the ramifications of their writings.”(p197)
3. What is the requirement of a conditional prophecy?
4. What is one recurring prophetic formula from prophetic passages?
5. What is the meaning of the allusion “The North”?

Answers

1. “Biblical prophecy plainly foretells things to come without clothing them in ambiguities similar to some of the oracles of the pagan nations.” (p192)
2. “The prophets had an adequate understanding of what they preached and wrote but this is not to say that they were fully cognizant or knew all the ramifications of their writings.”(p197)
3. Prophecy that has different consequences if they obey or disobey God like the one Moses warns Israel before he dies.
4. One recurring prophetic formula from prophetic passages is “in the latter days or in the last days or in the days to come”(p204)
5. It means or refers to the countries like Assyria, Babylon or Medo-Persia.

Terms

1. Prophetic perspective: The blending together of near and distant aspects of prediction in one and the same vision.
2. Inaugurated eschatology: a future outlook that has an “already-fulfilled” and a “not-yet fulfilled part of a prophecy.
3. Unconditional prophecies: prophecy that is unilateral and don’t need any requirement to maintain it.

Summary

This chapter is about prophecies and its characters as to differentiate it from pagan ones. One things that I learned is that prophets may not have total realization even though they know certain aspect of it. They can also foretelling something that is happening at the same time that is very far away. Finally the list of common things can be very helpful in gain a better understanding of the Scripture.