

II. Apocalyptic Literature

- A. Apocalyptic literature is found within some of the prophetic books. Parts of Ezekiel, Daniel, Zechariah, and much of Revelation can be considered apocalyptic literature.
- B. The term “apocalyptic” comes from the Greek term *apokalypsis* which is translated “revelation” in Revelation 1:1.
- C. Most apocalyptic literature in the Bible was given during a time when Israel was in exile from her land and under the power of Gentile domination.
- D. Four characteristics of apocalyptic literature
 - 1. A prophet is given extensive visions.
 - 2. The vision includes many symbols.
 - 3. A heavenly messenger or angel is present and give the message to the prophet.
 - 4. The message involves the Messiah, the Tribulation Period, and the establishment of the Kingdom of God.