

and does the same thing, she's playing the piano, that's literal. If I sat down at the piano, it would still be figurative. I can't play the piano. So you determine whether the language in the vision is concrete and literal, does it speak the exact fact, or does it speak in a figure. There are people who think that figures weaken the language, but figures make the language stronger. How much do I love you, I say to my wife. Why, as much as there is space in the sky. Figurative language. Figurative language which is supposed to get me extra cookies and things of that sort. But that's a figure and it expresses in a figure what I can't express literally. So figurative language is really much stronger than literal language. And then there's this other thing too. You look at the message of the vision and see is this message prophetic, does it prophesy directly of something that is going to happen, or teach directly something that you ought to know right now. Is it prophecy or is it practical teaching. It may be both. The language may be both, but you sort out the parts to see what is what, and what is which, in other words, and then you look in the last place for the actual point in the vision. Nothing in God's word is pointless. Everything has meaning, everything has content, everything is implied to teach you something. Every verse, every line, page, chapter, etc. is intended for your benefit. These things, said the apostle, of the numbers and exodus accounts, are for our admonition upon whom the ends of the world have come. In other words, the vision is not purposeless and you look at it to determine what it teaches. Well you say, can I do that without a great, grand education that enables me to read 26 different kinds of languages and spout like a fountain when the opportunity comes. You can do it if all you can do is read English and haven't gone beyond the second grade, because usually