1. How to read the Bible well?

A. Understand that the Bible is a book
B. Identify the literary genre of the portion you are reading
C. Avoid reading contemporary issues into ancient contexts
D. Use outside help specifically and generally
E. You are not done until you have learned about God and experienced transformation

2. How to understand prophesy?

A. Prophesy is like a trailer, reveals and veils at the same time
B. Prophesy tends to use more emotive, figural, hyperbolic language
C. Prophesy often blends near and distant fulfillment
D. Prophesy often quotes and alludes to other Scriptures without referencing them
E. Prophesy can have multiple predictions with increasing intensity

3. What is the Big Picture of Mark 13?

1. The interpretive map: question about the destruction of the temple (1-4)
2. Prophesy about the destruction of the temple (5-23)
   A. The non-signs and disciples responsibilities (5-13)
   B. The sign and disciples responsibility (14-23)
3. Prophesy about the 2nd coming of Jesus (24-27)

4. Lessons for the disciples
   A. Be discerning (28-31)
   B. Be alert (32-36)

4. What is at the heart of this passage?
   Who will you trust and align yourself with?